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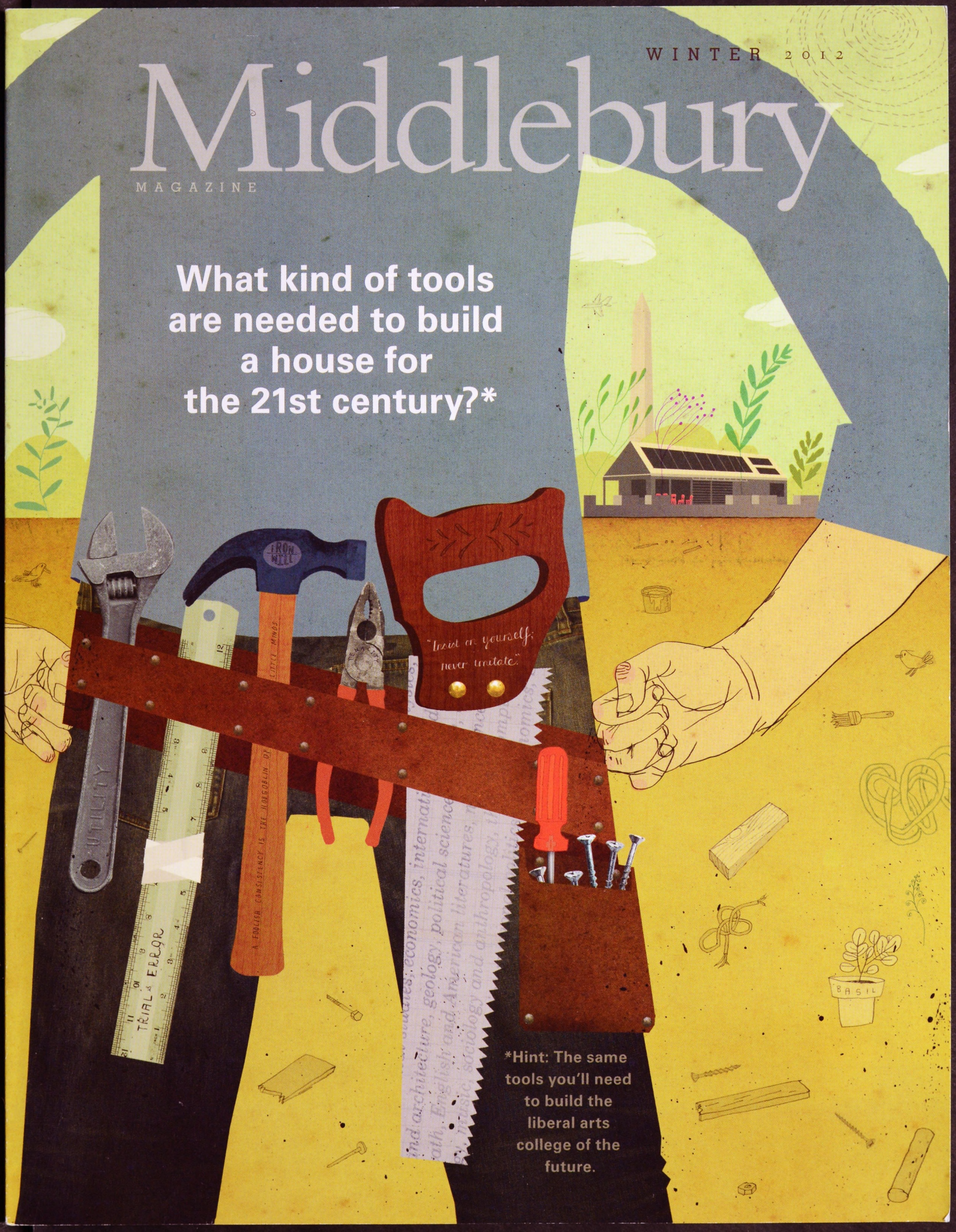

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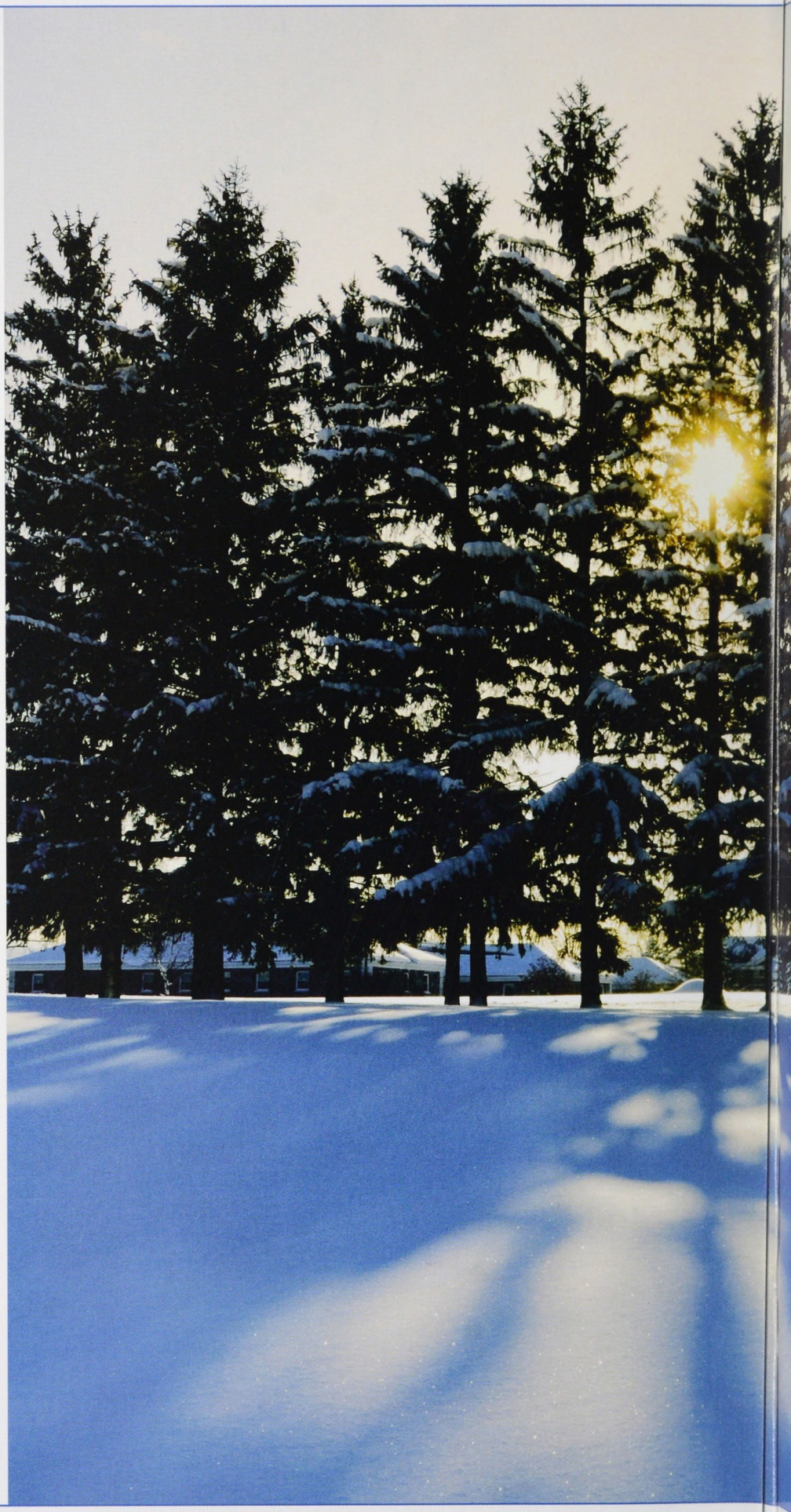

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A Heads Up

By plugging in, are we checking out?

THE OTHER DAY, I was in Otter Creek Bakery just up the street from our editorial offices here in Middlebury, part of my daily morning ritual of ensuring "adequate" caffeine and caloric intake, when a comment from a fellow patron really caught my attention.

"Now that's what I call multitasking."

The comment was directed at me as I stood before one of the coffee receptacles, using my right hand to fill up my cup with a selection of the bakery's darkest roast—while using my left to hold an iPhone, my attention riveted to the tiny screen while my thumb was busy scrolling through my Twitter feed.

I chuckled, muttered something about a guilty habit, and went on my way. But as I walked back to my office, I couldn't help but think: What was so important, so interesting to a) divert my attention from the scalding hot liquid that was flowing right before me, and b) perhaps more pertinent, though less imminently dangerous, have me ignore the very real people who were standing around me? Was it the latest political gossip concerning the Republican primaries? The "news" that someone I'm following didn't sleep well last night? Could this not have waited—at least until I had filled up my coffee cup? Now some may want to accuse me of Twitter-bashing, of unfairly maligning the utility of the social media tool; so, let me acknowledge that I firmly believe that it can be useful—even revolutionary—in the dissemination of information. What worries me is this: at what cost?

A year ago, Shirley Collado, the dean of the College and chief diversity officer at Middlebury, addressed this very question in a blog post titled "The Disconnection of Being Connected." In that post, she wrote: "As I walk about campus, I see something that worries me. Many students are so profoundly connected online that I fear they are disconnected from life right here. I often see students glued to their cell phones, disregarding people in the same room. I see students with laptop lives, perpetually Facebooking, tweeting, scanning YouTube, weblogs, podcasts, and wikis. The face-to-face conversation, the handwritten note, and the reassuring touch have given way to the casual, distant interaction that sometimes comes with living life virtually."

Collado, who possesses a doctoral degree in psychology, went on to say that she worried "that this may be the first generation without sufficient experience in making human connections, that we are encouraging the development of individuals who will not know how to talk directly to each other and resolve conflict across human lines. We may run the risk of simply becoming observers, passive nonparticipants in our own lives. I worry that technology, to some extent, is pacifying and paralyzing us."

In a wonderful recent essay in the *New York Times* titled "The Joy of Quiet," Pico Iyer points out that "the urgency of slowing down—to find the time and space to think—is nothing new, of course," but he adds that cacophony of noise is at an all-time high. "We barely have enough time to see how little time we have. . . . And the more that floods in on us, the less of ourselves we have to give to every snippet."

It's a dual threat, then: We ignore what's all around us, while less and less of what we are paying attention to is actually being absorbed in any meaningful way.

Now, I'm not ready to give up Twitter or Facebook or blogs or (heaven forbid!) "old technology" like magazines or books; nor am I advocating that you do so, either. But let me join Iyer and Collado in suggesting a modification of both our media diet and means of accessing information. Take a moment to recognize the people in your midst; your Twitter feed can wait. —*MJ*

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Mr. Neuberger

THANK YOU, JULIA ALVAREZ '71, for the beautiful image of Fred Neuberger ("Thank You, Mr. Neuberger," fall 2011). Your prose made me cry.

Fred was my friend and a colleague, and he helped me help students like you find Middlebury. Tom, my youngest child, graduates from Middlebury this February. Fred would have been proud of his accomplishments. Thank you, Julia—you captured the essence of Fred!

Alan Crocker
Ashburnham, Massachusetts

Never Forgotten

I HAVE MY OWN FRED NEUBERGER story. In 1969, when applying to Middlebury, I flew up for an interview, my first time traveling on my own. The night I arrived had about a foot and a half of snow, and by the time I got to the Middlebury Inn, after midnight, it was dark and quiet, with only a night clerk there to let me in. When I awoke the next morning, I knew something was seriously wrong.

My watch said 8:50! My interview was for 9:00! I showered and dressed in a panic and ran from the inn, barely getting directions to the Emma Willard House. A window thermometer in town read minus 10 degrees! I ran the whole way, in my suit and loafers, pushing back the biting cold and a growing tightness in my chest, which by the time I burst through the doors, 15 minutes late, had grown into a major asthma attack. My chest was heaving so badly, I couldn't even speak my own name.

They laid me down on a bench and went to get an inhaler. It took another half hour until my breaths finally subsided. I thought I was screwed. I'd messed up my one chance to get in, wasted my parents' money, made a total fool of myself. Mr. Neuberger came out and kneeled next to me and tried to make me feel okay. "Son," he said, trying to lift my spirits, "it's not the most important part of the interview process. Your grades and other things do count something too!"

Then I knew I was screwed. My grades and "other things" were less than stellar. That interview was how I was plotting to get myself in.

ILLUSTRATION BY ARTHUR GIRON

REMEMBERING FREDDIE
Writers respond to Julia Alvarez's essay and fondly recall a Middlebury legend.

We chatted a bit more, still at the bench, and he managed to make me feel like I still had a prayer. Six months later, when that acceptance letter somehow came, there was a note attached to it—from him: "So how are you feeling now, Andrew?"

I never forgot that—and I was saddened to learn of his passing.

Andrew Gross '74
Purchase, New York

Mr. Middlebury to Me

JULIA ALVAREZ'S RECENT ESSAY reminded me of a few things: The wonderful experience my daughter Kelly McKeown Gaudet '95 had learning from Julia during her time at Middlebury, the unforgettable service for Fred to which Julia referred in the essay, and my interview with Fred back in 1959.

Back then I was a Lake Placid boy, applying from the Northwood School. I headed to Middlebury for an interview with a fellow classmate, and we decided to stop for a bite in Port Henry. With a quart of chocolate milk and sandwich in hand, we continued on to Vermont.

For those who know the route between Crown Point and Middlebury, it is rather curvy. And with the chocolate milk in my lap, I took one of the curves a bit fast, and my white shirt suddenly had a new color.

We arrived in town about a half hour before we were to be at the admissions office, with no money, no credit card, and an ugly white shirt.

White's Cleaners had no fast turnaround service, but happened to have a white shirt that had never been claimed. (It must have been a size 18" that engulfed my 15" neck, but it was my only option.)

Amazingly, the interview began on time and at the end I felt compelled to mention the change of shirts. So, Fred, as only he could do, said, "McKeown, don't worry about a thing. I won't tell the review committee of your inability to drive and drink at the same time, or that you wore a shirt many sizes too big for the interview."

Needless to say, we had a few chocolate shirt chuckles over the years. I'm happy we got a chance to catch up at the hockey reunion last winter. To me, Fred was Mr. Middlebury.

Jim McKeown '63
West Lebanon, New Hampshire

Priceless Mistake

FRED NEUBERGER ADMITTED me to Middlebury, and when I reminded him of that years later he shot back: "Biggest mis-

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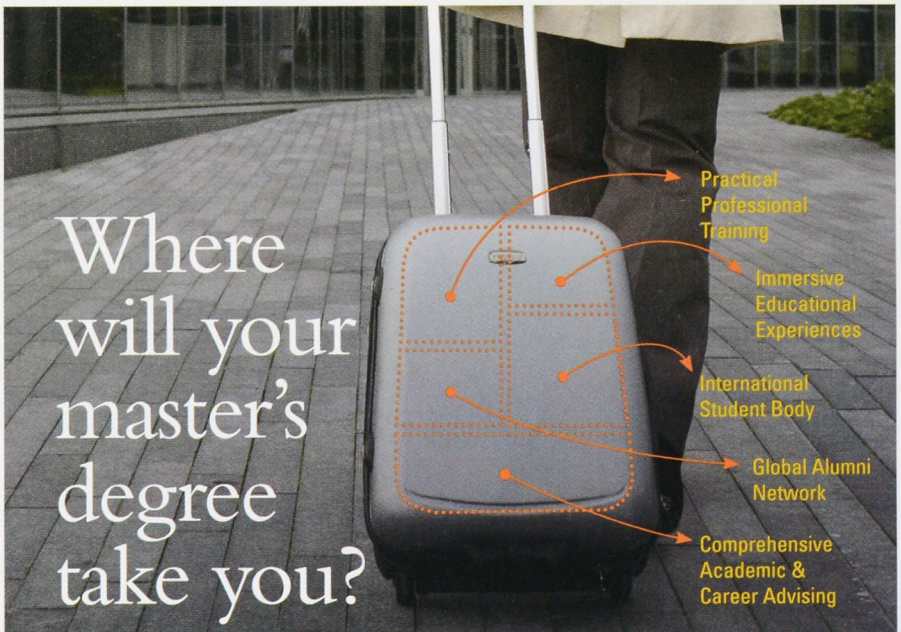
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take I ever made!" Knowing Fred's sense of humor, I suspect I am not the only graduate to have received that accolade.

Another thing I know about Fred is how proud he was to have been part of the legendary 10th Mountain Division during World War II. So if I may presume to speak for all those other "biggest mistakes" who have had the priceless opportunity of having gone to the College on the Hill under Fred's watch, I'd like to say, as they say in the 10th, "Climb to Glory!" sir!

Dick Wien '66
New York, New York

The Word

I WAS THRILLED TO MEET the word *enargia*, which Jay Heinrichs '77 defines as "making an account appear live before the audience's very eyes" in his article "Can Wit Be Taught?" (Fall 2011)

I have been teaching middle school boys for 35 years and have never heard the word. After yapping about "showing not telling" forever, *enargia* has become the new word in my classes. Since reading Jay's article last week, I have been using it every day to make up for lost time. I spent five summers at Bread Loaf, but must have missed the day that one of my professors went over the word in class. *Paradigm* was the buzzword in and around the Barn in the early eighties. Had it only been sweet *enargia*!

William "Wim" Hart, MA English '84
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The Answer Is No

CAN WIT BE TAUGHT? If Jay Heinrichs '77 can teach creative wit making, he has my admiration. I suspect that in this game, knowledge of the rules does not suffice. I believe that witticisms well up unsolicited and unstudied only from those who are endowed with a good sense of humor, and a sense of humor cannot be taught.

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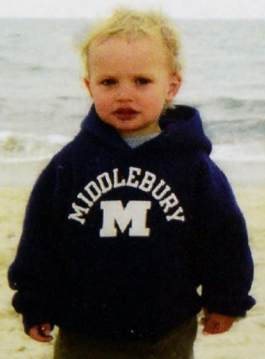

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Buried Treasure

It was nice to see William Douglass getting some attention ("His Story," fall 2011). In the spirit of piling it on, I write to pass on some unverified gossip that came my way when I was a Middlebury student in the late '80s.

The story I heard about Douglass was this: Douglass had left Middlebury with his family, abandoning a homestead, early in the war on account of local Tory activity; Douglass had buried the family silver nearby for safekeeping. The house they left

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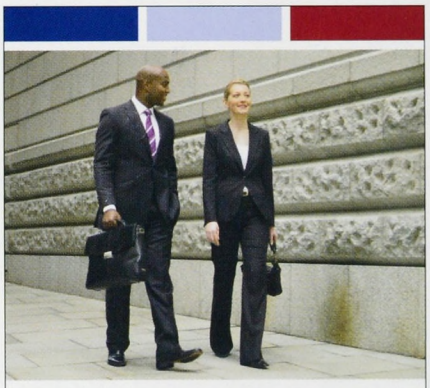

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behind was either burned or in enough disrepair to require substantial rebuilding when Douglass and his sons returned in 1783; the tree that killed him—near to the gravesite—was felled in aid of rebuilding that house. He was the only one who had known where the silver was buried; consequently, there is not only a gravesite on the golf course, but a house site and a cache of buried 18th-century silverware out near the 11th tee, as well!

Of course, it's just a story, for now, and a lesson in how fragile historical memory (perhaps an oxymoron) is, since I cannot even recall how this story came to me only 22 years ago. (Though I might suspect Bob Buckeye was the storyteller.)

So I can't really recommend digging up the golf course to any useful purpose. But it *is* another part of the tale that makes that "sound of that tree falling in the forest [get] louder all the time."

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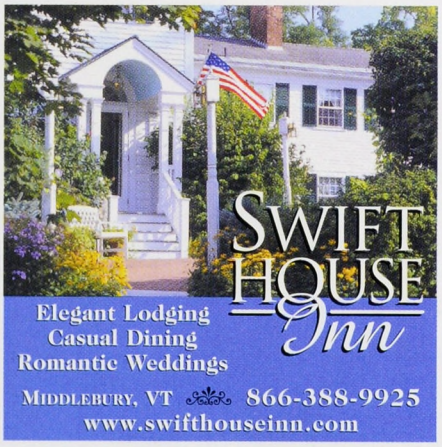

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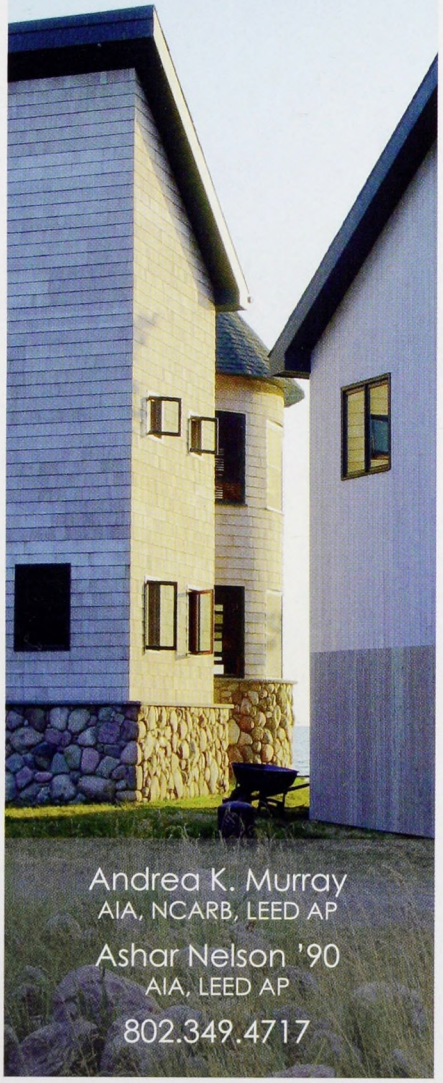

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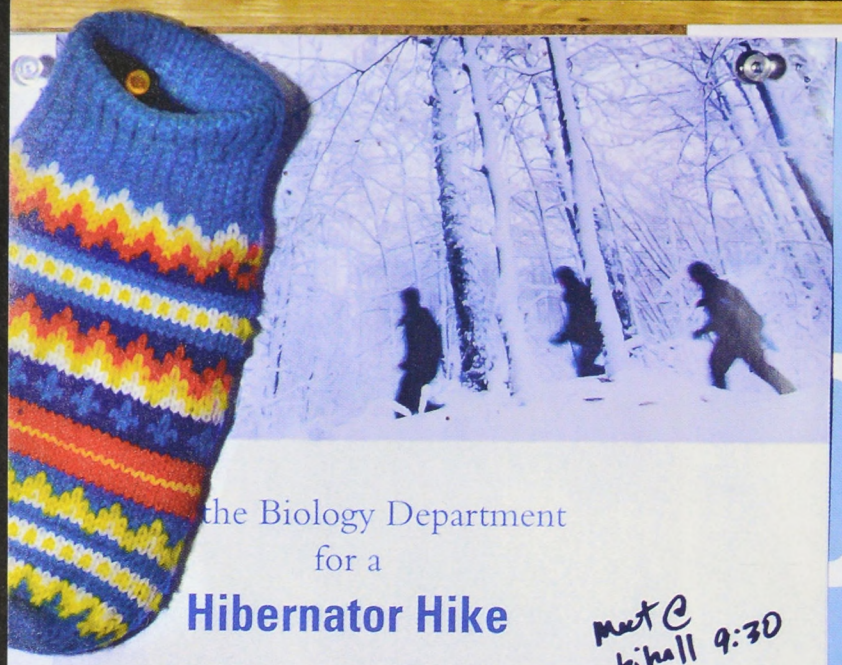

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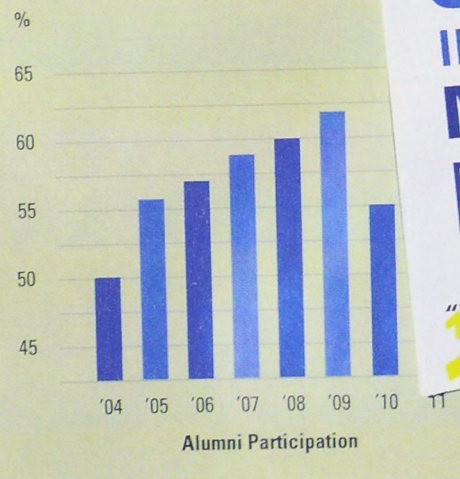

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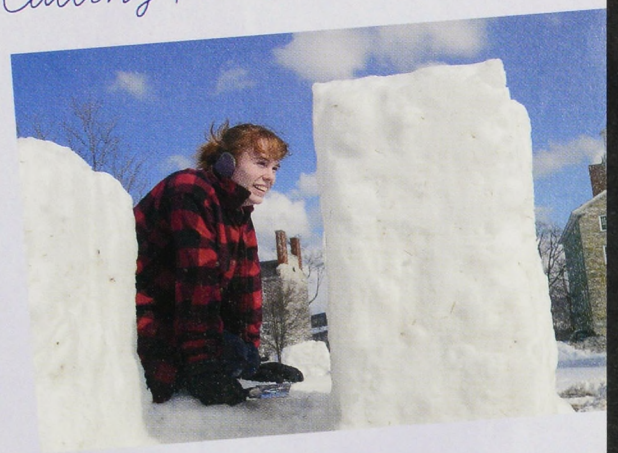

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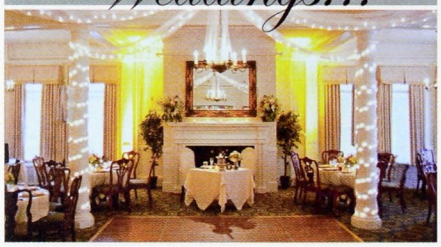

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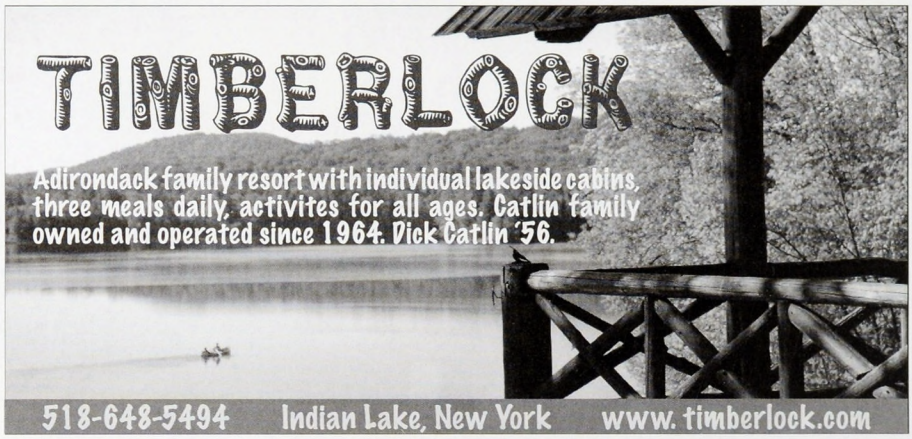
Truth vs. Truth

I CONGRATULATE BOB DROSDICK '82 on his arrival at the comforting certitude that the "truth is not found within but from above," but as I read his letter (fall 2011) I did find myself wondering if we went to the same college. One of the central lessons I learned at Middlebury is the value of coming to understand and appreciate a diversity of philosophical and religious views. Apparently this doesn't square with Mr. Drosdick's belief that "there is truth and not 100,000 variations of my truth versus your truth."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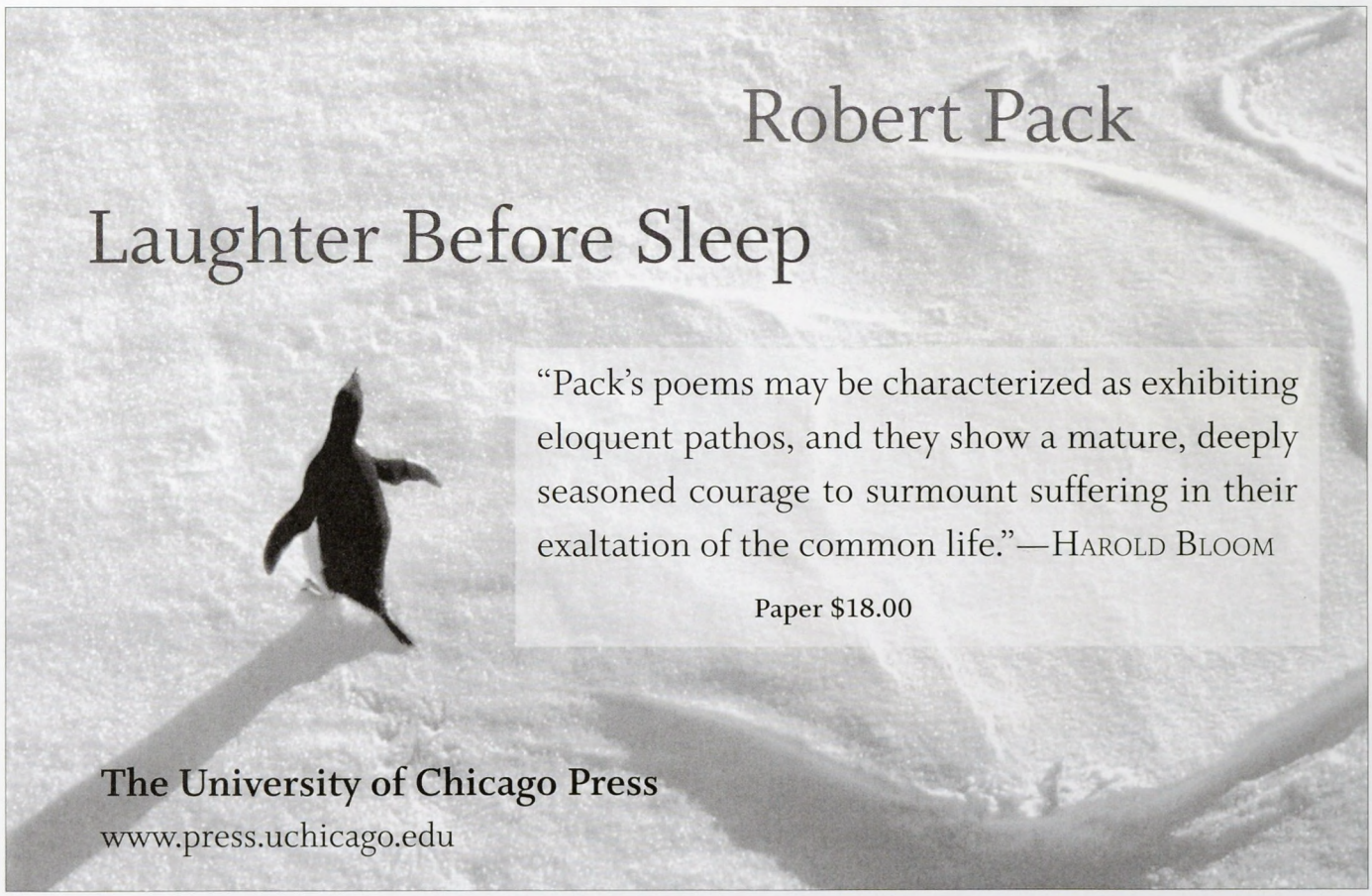
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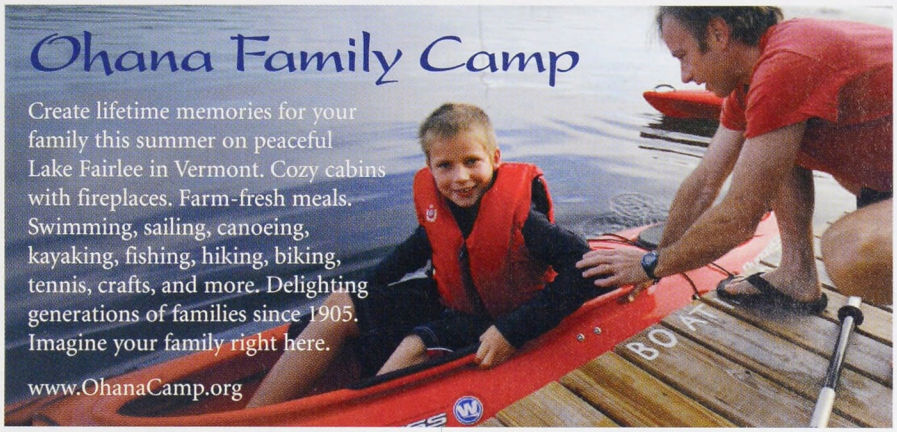
I'm sorry that Mr. Drosdick found Susan Conley's approach to her battle with cancer ("Stranger in a Strange Land," spring 2011) disappointing. It's too bad he felt the need to unburden himself at the expense of Ms. Conley, who has emerged from her own personal struggles with a colorful, engaging, and life-affirming book.

Tim Weed '87
Putney, Vermont

Berry Bad

OF COURSE, IT'S PRONOUNCED MIDDLE-BURRY! (Letters, fall 2011) Those undergraduates who taught us the alma mater impressed upon us the proper pronunciation of the name of our college. How much more official can you get? If "Middle-berry" is heard on campus, it's a shame. My mother, '42, her sister, '37, James, '74, and I are in agreement. It would be interesting to know if, indeed, the College's long tradition of this way of naming itself has been abandoned, or is the editor simply unaware of the tradition?

Meg Beattie Page '72
East Montpelier, Vermont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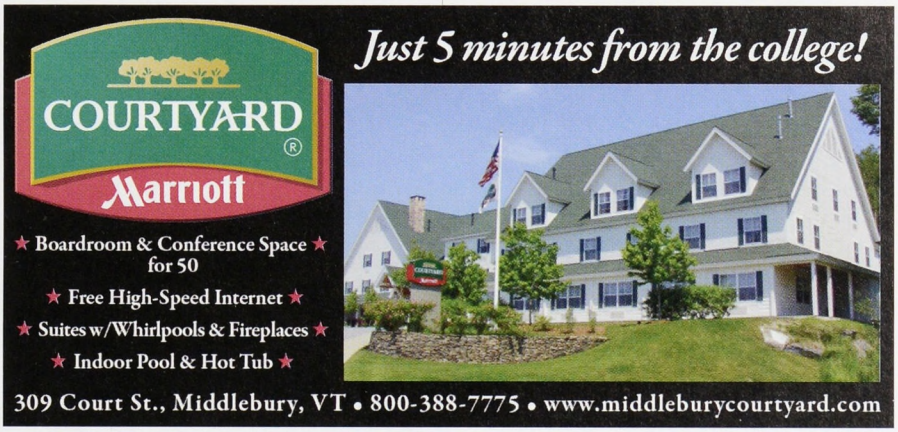
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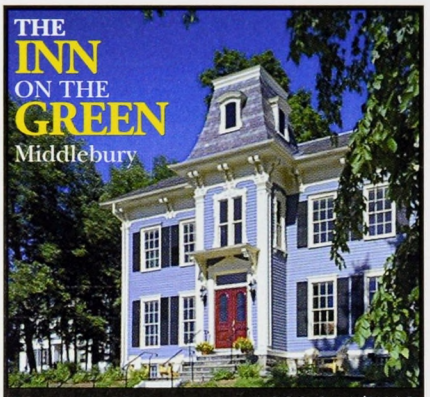
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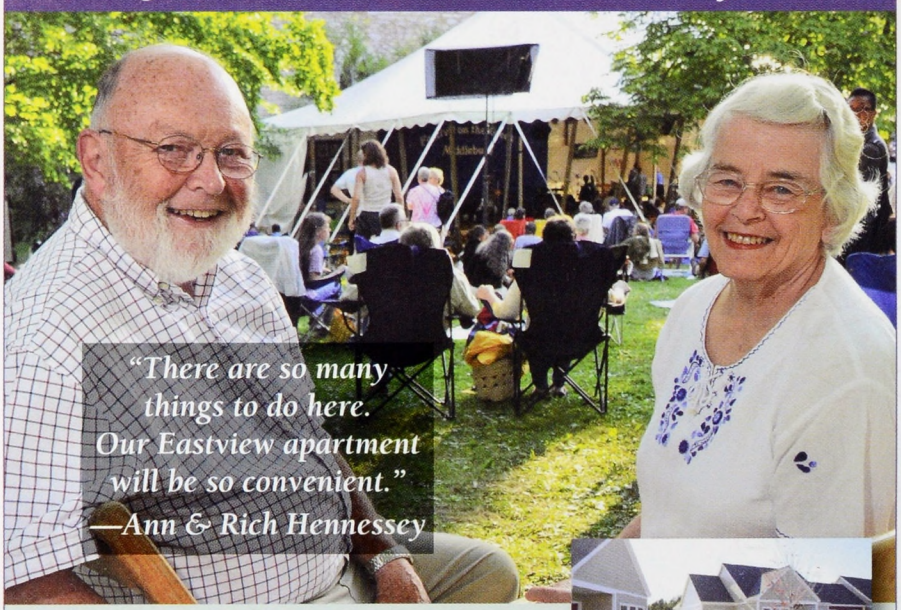
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THE MAGAZINE STAFF deserves kudos for the quality of this quarterly periodical. I receive—and read—alumni magazines from four institutions of higher learning: Middlebury, Columbia, Stanford, and Cambridge.

I can tell you that you more than hold your own with that group. In fact, I would rate the current *Middlebury Magazine* second in quality amongst those four and gaining rapidly on the leader.

Those of us who no longer live within easy travel distance of Middlebury especially appreciate the readability and informative nature of this publication. Thank you for your efforts.

Ed Perrin '53
Seattle, Washington

Nix the Logo

I WAS SADDENED, DISAPPOINTED, and confused to see that Middlebury had adopted a new logo for the Middlebury College Snow Bowl. Why?

Middlebury has always prided herself on respect for history, her ability to communicate, and her sense of art. Middlebury College and the Snow Bowl have helped produce members of the Ski Hall of Fame, several Olympic coaches, dozens of Olympians, and many distinguished pioneers in the ski industry. For decades, scores of racers who made the U.S. Ski Team have been challenged on the Ross and the Allen. The unique original Snow Bowl logo is recognized and respected by competitors, coaches, and industry leaders throughout ski mountains of North America and the Alps. The original Snow Bowl logo also evokes fond memories for over six generations of recreational skiers from coast to coast. To me, the new "modern" logo has no history, diminishes the word "College," and is not unique. (To its credit, it is not Dartmouth green.)

I realize that this new logo will give Middlebury College opportunities to spend more money on stationery, business cards, tickets, rate schedules, signs, trail maps, promo, and uniforms. If my alma mater also paid for this disrespectful, confusing logo of questionable art, she doesn't need my small contributions.

Dwight Dunning '67
Middlebury, Vermont

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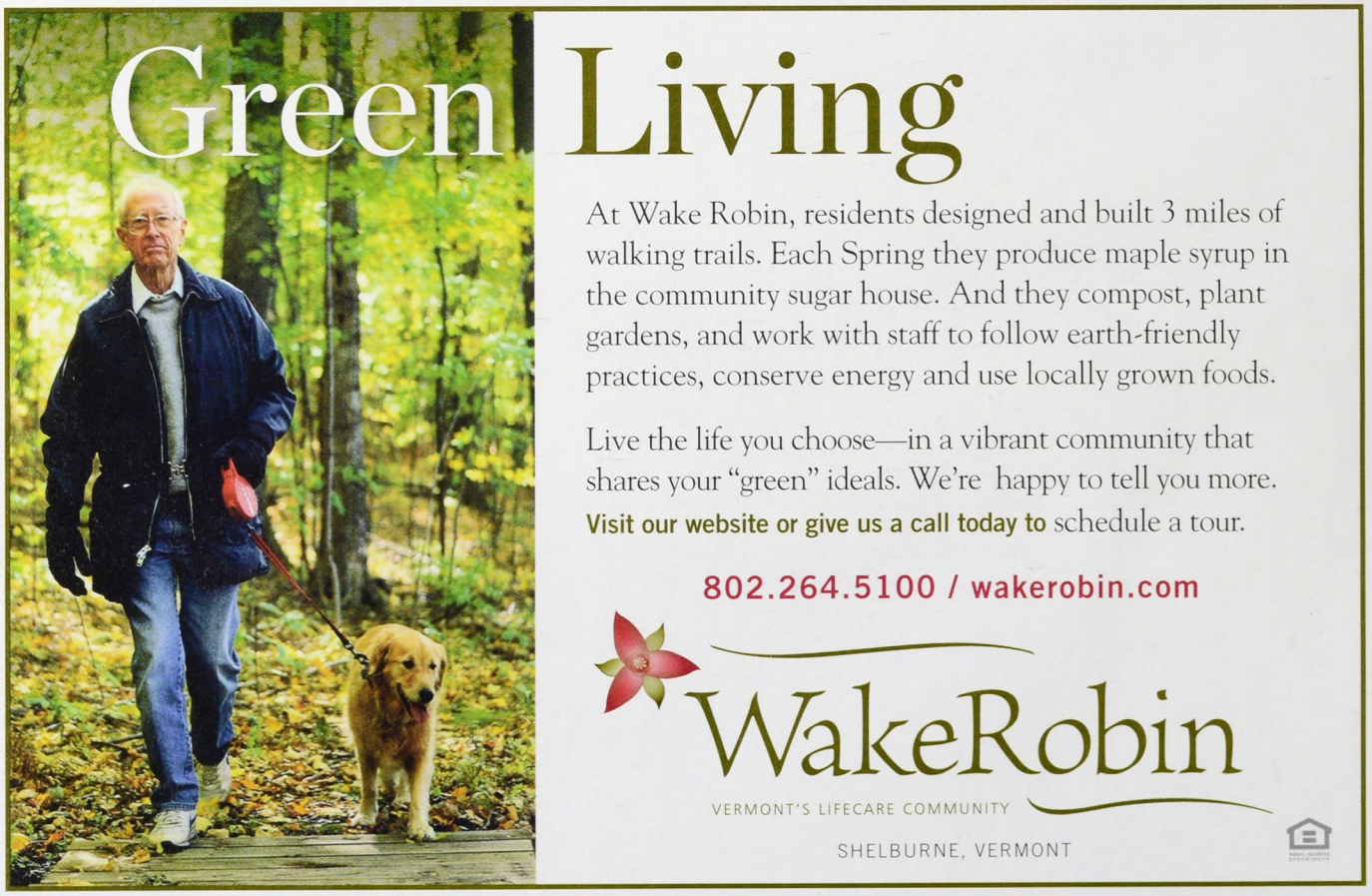
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Run entirely by students for students, Dolci offers a gourmet dining alternative—and a great opportunity for students at a liberal arts college to get some experience working in an actual restaurant atmosphere. Photograph by Brendan Mahoney '11

The Life and Times of So Inclined

> For four years, one month, and two days, a temporary installation by international sculpture artitst Patrick Dougherty stood sentry outside the Mahaney Center for the Arts. *So Inclined*, made of locally harvested twigs, was one of the most visited and loved pieces of outdoor art on campus. It held up longer than anyone anticipated, and this fall the artist and the College decided to dismantle it before it became unsafe.

> Dougherty has created more than 225 installations around the world in places like museums, sculpture parks, private homes, colleges, and businesses. His works are almost always large-scale and often incorporate playful swirls and shapes. *So Inclined* consisted of nine seemingly windblown towers nestled together. "I purposely situated the piece prominently at the entrance where the sidewalks converge," said Dougherty. "I wanted to interrupt the flow of traffic in the hopes that people would stop and engage with the work."

> Dougherty first came to Middlebury in the spring of 2006 to meet with members of the Committee for Art in Public Places and scout out the proposed site for his installation. The committee, chaired by Museum of Art Director Richard Saunders, oversees the selection and implementation of the campus's collection of accessible and distinguished public art.

> The artist's next visit was in September 2007, when he arrived to install the work. After harvesting local hardwood saplings from nearby stream banks, Dougherty did what he always does before getting to work: he called on the community for help.

> At the heart of Dougherty's artistic mission is his commitment to engage the community, make use of local materials, and leave behind a standing testament to the collaborative process. So with the help of more than 230 volunteers—including Middlebury students, staff, and faculty, as well as local schoolchildren and community members—Dougherty worked for 20 consecutive days to complete *So Inclined*.

> Everyone was encouraged to stop by the site during the assembly, whether to lend a hand or simply contemplate the progress. "It's a public process," said Dougherty. "A lot of people just watch. But some people just walk up and tell me what they think I should be doing."

> One art teacher who brought her students on several occasions to help strip the limbs of leaves and assemble them for the artist was Eileen Gombosi of St. Mary's School. "They were so excited to be a part of the process with the artist himself," she said. "It only made it all the more special when we returned again and again to sketch the sculpture or just play in it. They are sad to see it go, but they'll also never forget it."

> Twisted sticks. Twig huts. Cone houses. The playful swirls of limbs enjoyed multiple nicknames from students, townspeople, and even passing tourists. One thing they weren't was unnoticed.

> "We were surprised it lasted as long as it did," said Museum Curator Emmie Donadio. "But so many people have enjoyed it while it was here."

> On a frosty October morning, a few workers from Facilities Services were the earliest—and final—visitors to the sculpture. A well-maneuvered backhoe, three sets of strong arms, and a flatbed truck made short work of disassembling the remarkably sturdy towers. Dry limbs snapped easily in the chilly air, and in just a few hours, *So Inclined* was no more. As a few passersby stopped to watch, the truck pulled out with its final load of crushed twigs and headed for the stump dump where *So Inclined* will become the much-needed mulch that is used all over campus to protect and nourish the College's trees and shrubs.

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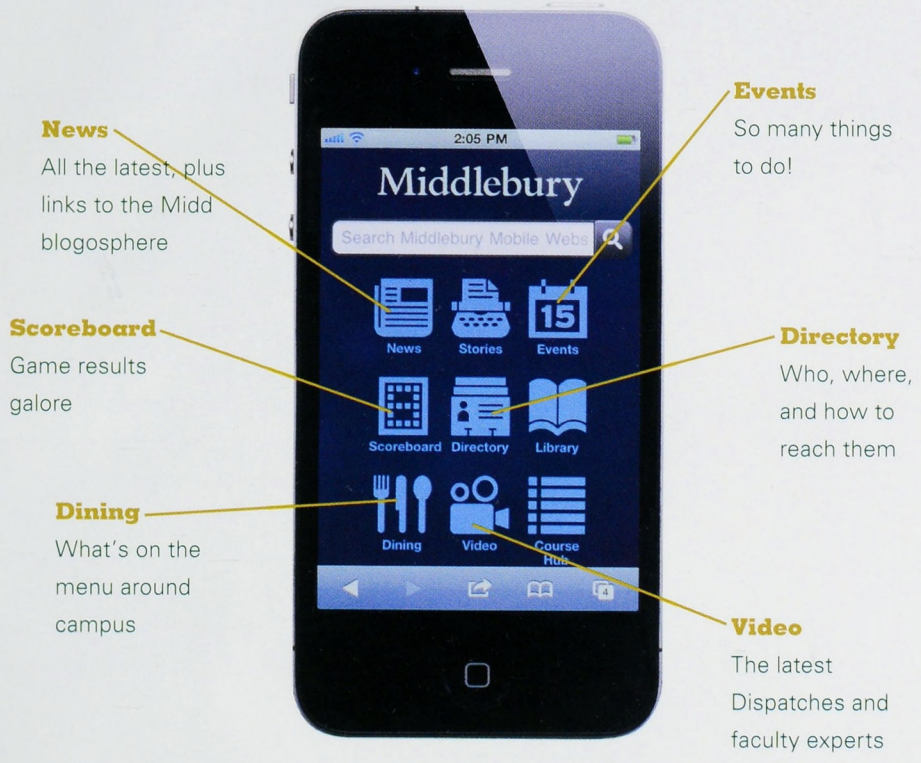

Buon appetito! The bustle of waiters, low hum of music, and heady aromas from the kitchen make it easy to imagine yourself seated in a multistar restaurant. And while the décor of Atwater may leave you wanting, the delectable Dolci menu will not. The decade-old gourmet dining option is completely student run for students. Volunteers sign up to prep, cook, and serve the full-course meal, and hopeful diners sign up online for the coveted tickets—which are often sold out in less than a minute.

Photograph by Brendan Mahoney '11

Observed

■ **Middlebury has expanded its 14-year partnership** with the Posse Foundation—the highly successful national program that recruits and identifies exceptional high school students to receive four-year full-tuition scholarships. For 2012, the College is increasing its number of New York scholarships from 10 to 12, and adding a second 12-student Posse from Chicago. ■ **Alumnus and trustee Will Jackson '51** has given the College 377 acres of land in Cornwall bordering campus. The parcel, bigger than the current 350-acre main campus, is the largest and most significant gift of property that the College has received since Joseph Battell bequeathed 30,000 acres on Bread Loaf Mountain in Ripton in 1915. ■ **A new exhibit in the Museum of Art,** *Environment and Object in Recent African Art,* features contemporary artists whose works reflect the environment's impact on contemporary African life and incorporate the artists' aesthetic practice of using found objects and appropriated materials. The exhibition will be augmented by Senegalese artist Viyé Diba, whose installation will be completed on site in mid-February. ■ **The C.V. Starr-Middlebury Schools Abroad** has established a new French school in Cameroon, its first in sub-Saharan Africa. The central African location offers all the major climates and landscapes

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Percentage chance that we are talking about Ryan Sharry above

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Whole Lotta Homologation Goin' On

Winter at Middlebury means skiing at the Snow Bowl and Rikert Ski Touring Center, which are open to the general public as well as being the home turf for the College ski teams. This season, the word on the Nordic trails is "homogolate." According to Michael Hussey, director of Rikert, this means bringing the terrain up to the highest level of international certification based on specific guidelines. "This certification will include us among the elite race venues in the country, so that hosting a World Cup event here someday is a distinct possibility. That would be a huge feather in Middlebury's cap!" says Hussey. Nordic coach Andrew Gardner agrees. "To be able to ski on trails like these is a great boon to training," he said. "And from the perspective of the broader community, I think people will really enjoy what Rikert has to offer."

SNOW BOWL

A little farther up the road, the Snow Bowl has made some changes as well. Manager Peter Mackey '74 is most excited about the addition of boundary-to-boundary access, which opens most of the wooded areas throughout the Bowl to skiers and riders. "This adds more than 500 acres of woods to our existing trails and glades."

And finally, along with the Ralph Myhre Golf Course, all three College facilities have received bright new logos thanks to the fine creative work of Vermont-based Interrobang Design Collaborative.

RALPH MYHRE GOLF COURSE

Shall we dance? According to Andrew Wentink '70, Middlebury's curator of the archives, delicate and imaginative dance cards, like this one from the 1940s, are a rich and fascinating part of Middlebury history. "Social dance has had a central role here at the College. Beginning with the first Commencement Ball in 1802, social dance events were very much in evidence. With the founding of the first fraternities in the 1840s, dance became more prominent and, with the arrival of coeducation in 1883, an essential element of college life. For years, classes, fraternities, sororities, student activities, and organizations competed to see who could offer the most memorable dance event of the year. Winter Carnival, established in 1934, offered the Carnival Ball, which, for student participation and anticipation, outshone any dance as the formal social event of the year well into the 1960s."

Parkas or Pajamas? When the snow starts to fall and the temperatures drop, there are those at Middlebury who head for the hills and those who curl up on the couch. Both are reasonable responses to winter in Vermont, and many students experience a healthy mix. But what exactly do the two ends of the spectrum entail? We asked around and here's what we heard:

Pajama People	Parka People
Sleeping in BiHall	Sledding down Lincoln Gap
Movies at Marquis Theater	Homemade ski videos
Lazy laps in the Natatorium	Polar Bear dips in Lake Dunmore
Checkers in Fireplace Lounge	Broom hockey outside McCullough
Winter Carnival bonfire	Winter Carnival snow sculpting
Hot toddies	Ice climbing
Dessert at 51 Main	Sugar on snow
Touring the Museum of Art	Hiking the Bread Loaf Wilderness

of the continent in a single country—from beaches, deserts, and grasslands to mountains and rainforests. Cameroon is often described as "Africa in miniature" because of its wealth of geographic diversity. ■ **Hitting the streets** seemed like the best way for economics professor Caitlin Myers to help her students answer some of the questions that came up in her fall term course on Urban Economics. So they headed off to Saratoga Springs, New York, to tour the city with author and social critic of urban development James Howard Kunstler, and also take part in a group discussion. The whole experience gave new meaning to the concept of learning on your feet. ■ **About a dozen faculty members from as many departments** participated in a new winter term workshop offered by the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity. The goal was to help faculty members identify and create opportunities for incorporating subjects of race and ethnicity more fully into their current syllabi. ■ **President Liebowitz announced in January** that the College has established the Middlebury Center for Social Entrepreneurship, a new organization devoted to teaching and supporting young social entrepreneurs who want to use the tools and strategies of entrepreneurship to bring about positive social change.

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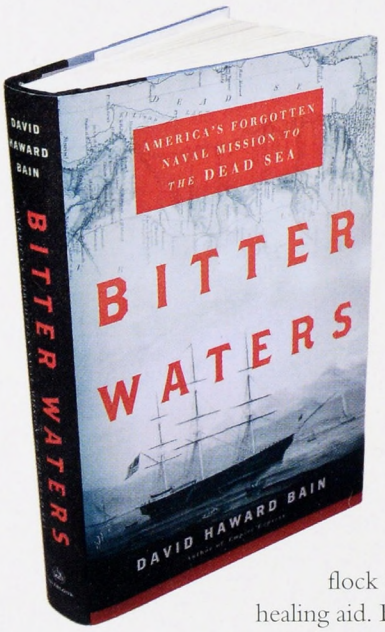
Sweet Victory in Bitter Waters

HYPERSALINIC BUOYANCY, ancient history, biblical allusions, and the power to heal. The Dead Sea is known for many things today, but just 150 years ago, it was known only as an ancient puzzle clouded by superstition and myth.

In 1848, an American naval officer named William Francis Lynch set out to explore the enigmatic body of water—from mapping its numerous caves and lengthy shoreline to sounding its depths from a stagnant surface.

Bitter Waters, by David Haward Bain, a lecturer in English and American literatures at Middlebury, tells the story of Lynch and his great adventure. It is a remarkable read not only for its impeccable detail—including maps, photographs, and illustrations—but also for its momentous history.



Both geological and geographic, Lynch's mission was a turning point in scientific exploration. The Dead Sea had never been successfully surveyed before Lynch and his crew arrived. Resting below sea level and receiving little, if any, rainfall at all, its waters are now known to contain six to 10 times more saline than seawater, making it next to impossible for any marine life to develop or survive. Tourists today flock to its still waters for its potential healing aid. But in Lynch's day, it was simply considered mysterious and cursed.

Following a youth that dealt him more than his share of loss and a marriage that ended unhappily, Lynch had good reason to focus on the more fulfilling future that Bain captures. After many setbacks, his trip finally took shape, from the rugged and often dangerous terrain of Israel and into the Sea of Galilee, along the tumultuous and winding River Jordan, and into the Dead Sea.

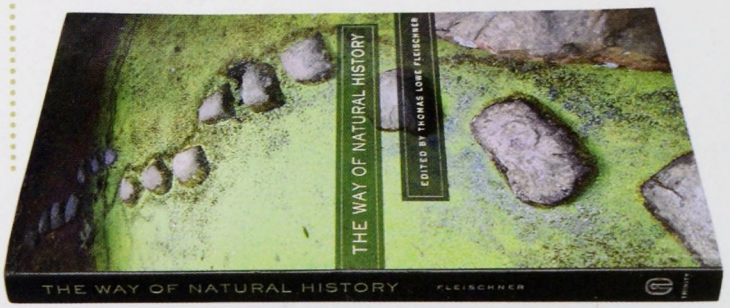
When the group finally reached the Dead Sea, Lynch methodically led the crew in its tasks. After nearly 20 days, he wrote that they had successfully "determined its geographical position, taken the exact topography of its shores, ascertained the temperature, width, depth, and velocity of its tributaries, collected specimens of every kind, and noted the winds, currents, changes of the weather, and all atmospheric phenomena."

Bitter Waters is a thorough narrative of a meticulous undertaking, and Bain, like Lynch, proves up to the task.

Professor Pundits GIVEN THE WHIRLWIND NATURE OF THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY RACE, MiddMag has turned to resident experts, political science professors Bert Johnson (portrayed on the left) and Matt Dickinson, for some analysis and historical context. Matt is author of the blog, *Presidential Power,* and Bert is an authority on, among other things, campaign finance and advertising. Both are regularly sought out by news media for their expertise in electoral politics. We'll check in with Matt and Bert every few weeks during the campaign season for short video discussions. You can watch them at MiddMag.com, and please join the conversation online!

Excerpt "And so it is that I can say that my journey toward meaning began at the edge of the sea. My rites of passage out of childhood and into adulthood were, in many ways, defined by my awareness that nature could be known. The other-than-human world was deep and vast, and the more I knew, the more I uncovered what there was still to be learned. But even more, I discovered that I could be in relationship with nature in the same way that I could be in relationship with my brothers, or my friends, or the familiar surroundings in my house and neighborhood. I wasn't a stranger or a visitor to that one place in nature. I knew the beings that dwelled there. They became familiar friends, and I was rewarded for that by being treated with a level of dignity and respect reserved for adults."

—From an essay by Stephen Trombulak, professor of environmental and biosphere studies, titled "Becoming a Neighbor" in *The Way of Natural History,* edited by Thomas Lowe Fleischner (Trinity University Press, 2011)



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Quote/Unquote

"The thing about rapid ecological changes is that it's easy to see them in the rearview mirror. It's a lot harder to see them when they are happening."

—Professor of Biology Andrea Lloyd in a December 10 Scientific American *article titled "Researcher Sees Biological Regime Change Under Way in Alaska."*

Five Minutes with . . . Pieter Broucke

Newly appointed director of the arts Pieter Broucke is also a much-loved professor of history of art and architecture, as well as the associate curator of ancient art at the Middlebury College Museum of Art. Needless to say, he's a busy guy. Here's what he has to say about his multifaceted existence.

"The arts" at Middlebury

Students have many avenues for experiencing the arts, including academic programs (architectural studies, dance, film and media culture, history of art, music, studio art, and theatre); visual arts in the museum, Johnson, and around campus; the Performing Arts Series and other events in the Mahaney Center for the Arts and Wright Theatre; and the Potomac Theatre Project NYC. Interdisciplinary courses integrate the arts with academic programs such as theatre and math, film and languages, or dance and environmental studies.

The biggest challenge

The arts here are thriving, and we must embrace change and reinvention as part of the process. We have three goals: closer integration of the arts across the academic curriculum; more visible alignment of the arts with the institution's core identities of environmental and global stewardship; and promoting the arts as a vehicle for creativity and innovation for the entire College community.

Past, present, future

Last year, we moved the history of art and architecture department to the Mahaney Center, which has already generated synergies with the museum. So now the Johnson is entirely devoted to studio art and architectural studies. Next year, we're celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Mahaney Center and 30th anniversary of the Dance Company, as well as the 43rd anniversary of the museum, 93rd anniversary of the Performing Arts Series, 26th anniversary of the Potomac Theatre Project, and nearly a century of choral music at Middlebury. Needless to say, it's going to be a big year.

What's new

The museum obtained two shutters of a splendid Northern Renaissance triptych, as well as a couple of prints by Anni Albers, who trained at the Bauhaus and is arguably the most important textile artist of the 20th century. We are in the process of getting a pastel by Louis Kahn, the 20th-century American architect, made on the Acropolis of Athens in 1951. This incredible drawing will appeal to a large audience and also be of great use to architectural studies and studio art.

Don't miss it!

As soon as possible during their time here, students should make a point of attending at least a couple of our outstanding Performing Arts Series concerts, where they will experience top-notch concert hall performances for which tickets at Lincoln Center in New York or Wigmore Hall in London would be exorbitantly expensive—if they could even get their hands on tickets in the first place!

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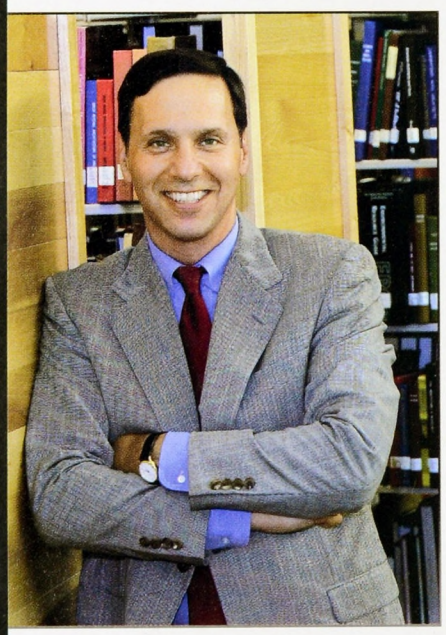
On the Road in Asia

Looking eastward at the Middlebury network—past, present, and future.

By President Ronald D. Liebowitz



In November I spent a week traveling in Asia with Middlebury colleagues Mike Schoenfeld '73, senior vice president and chief philanthropic adviser, and Dina Wolkoff '88, senior development officer for Asia. Our trip took us to four cities—Tokyo, Beijing, Hong Kong, and Singapore—where we met with more than 250 parents and alumni of Middlebury College, the Language Schools, the Schools Abroad, and the Monterey Institute of International Studies. We held receptions in all of these cities, each attended by 60 to 80 guests, making these by far the largest gatherings the College has ever hosted in Asia.

For me, this trip provided an ideal opportunity to reflect on what it means to be leading an institution that aspires to be the global liberal arts college for the 21st century. While Middlebury is certainly not alone in its efforts to think globally—Yale and Duke have been in the news recently for launching campuses in Singapore and China—our position in American higher education is distinct because we are a liberal arts college that's been thinking internationally for almost a century. It's clear from our broad array of international programs that Middlebury has an impressive global footprint: the undergraduate language and international studies programs; the 10 summer Language Schools; our Schools Abroad sites in 38 cities and 16 countries; and the graduate programs at the Monterey Institute. But institutional reach alone does not make Middlebury a global liberal arts college. What matters most is how we educate students to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Being a global liberal arts college means that our students, irrespective of their majors and whether they travel or study abroad, gain an international perspective through their experiences on our campus, both in and out of the classroom. International students, who constitute about 10 percent of the undergraduate student body, offer alternative perspectives in class, in the residence halls, and in the dining rooms. Then there is the academic program. During the past 15 years, we have been purposeful in recruiting and hiring faculty across the curriculum who have an international focus in their work. Consequently, a large percentage of our courses are informed by the realization that we are living in a globalized, interconnected world. This generation of students has no choice but to engage this world while at Middlebury and after graduating.

Finally, it's worth emphasizing the most powerful way in which our students develop a global outlook: they study abroad. Middlebury students can choose to study a number of languages and cultures in departments recognized for their excellence, and approximately 60 percent of them study abroad for a semester or a year. For these students, that means six months to a year immersed in the culture and language of another country.

Middlebury's global orientation developed fortuitously in 1915 when the College established the intensive summer German Language School, the first of our 10 Language Schools. In retrospect, this move appears to be one of the most important educational—and entrepreneurial—decisions that the College has ever made. Over the years, our strengths in language education have been the leading feature in Middlebury's reputation. In the past two decades, we have deliberately sought to build upon these strengths and enhance the international dimensions of a Middlebury education across disciplines. And that is why we went to Asia.

Our trip had several specific purposes. First, to show the College's support for the alumni and parent network in Asia and all that it does on our behalf. Second, to seek

Photograph by Dennis Curran

increased support for the College, in the form of both funding and developing greater opportunities for students through mentoring, internships, and jobs. And, finally, to strengthen the College's network by bringing alumni of the undergraduate college together with alumni of the Language Schools, the Schools Abroad, and the Monterey Institute.

The Middlebury network in Asia has been developing for decades. The first students from the region to attend Middlebury were introduced to the College in the late '50s by C.V. Starr, the founder of American International Group (AIG) and a source of continuous, generous financial support to the College through the Starr Foundation. He convinced some of his Chinese colleagues in Hong Kong that Middlebury would be a suitable place for their sons and daughters to get a liberal arts education. One of the first Chinese students to make the journey to Vermont was Tom Kan '64, who introduced me when I spoke at a dinner in Hong Kong. His daughter, Andrea '96, later followed him to Middlebury, becoming our first legacy student from Asia.

Most of the people at the gatherings in each of the four cities were alumni, who represented an interesting mix of experience and perspective. Almost all of the older alumni were American expatriates, some of whom have lived and worked in Asia for 40 years or more. Many of the younger alumni were international students who returned to their native countries after graduation. The number of alumni in Asia reflects the dramatic increase in the number of international students attending Middlebury in recent decades. In 1980, international students made up less than one percent of the student population; now they represent about 10 percent. Today, there are 91 students from Asian countries enrolled at Middlebury and 129 at the Monterey Institute.

In Tokyo, I met one of the first students to come to Middlebury from Japan, Koichi Ishiyama '69. His story is extraordinary. After receiving a scholarship to attend Middlebury, he traveled to North America by boat and then made his way across Canada to Montreal, and eventually to the College. He still remembers the day he realized that he could understand English beyond the bookish knowledge he brought with him to the States. It was December 14, 1966, halfway through his sophomore year. He was watching Walter Cronkite on the evening news and was startled to discover that he understood every word. After graduating, he returned to Japan to teach English and journalism, and to write what has become one of the world's most popular Japanese-English dictionaries. He served on the Alumni Association Board and has been an active volunteer for the College for more than 40 years.

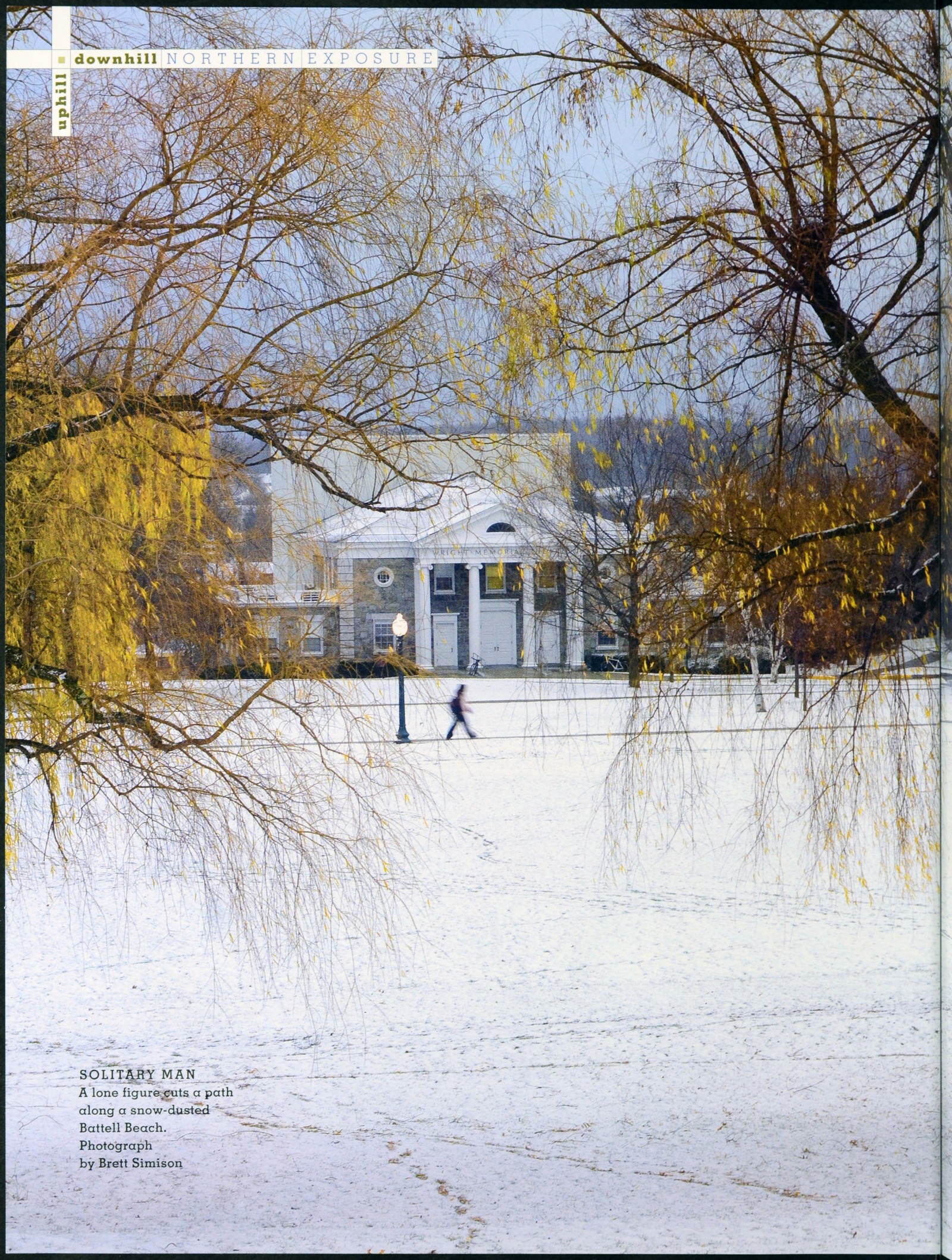
We next visited Beijing, where our reception featured a fascinating panel discussion that included two alumni from the College and two from the Chinese School. The College alumni who served on the panel were Tao Zhou '98, a native of Shanghai, and Dado Derviskadic '08, who grew up in Brooklyn; the Chinese School alumni were Kim Woodard LS'66 and Frances Fremont-Smith LS'77, P'10. Kim attended the first year of Middlebury's summer Chinese School in 1966, when the United States was fighting a proxy war with China in Vietnam. He was one of the first Americans to enter China during Nixon's ping-pong-diplomacy effort in the early 1970s and has been there ever since. In those early days, he said, he knew just about every American doing business in China. Now, Americans number greater than 100,000, and they work in a variety of fields, including banking, finance, education, publishing, technology, and green energy.

During the panel discussion, Tao Zhou reflected on his journey back to China after his time at Middlebury. A math and computer science major with a minor in physics, he credits his liberal arts background for his willingness to take chances and to test himself and his passion for "living a life of uncertainty." After graduating from Middlebury, he earned two master's degrees from Dartmouth before returning to China. Because he feels that he was born to be an entrepreneur, he has started a data-storage company that now employs 30 people and continues to grow. He mentioned how his next pursuit is unclear, but suggested he might go back to university to earn an advanced degree in philosophy

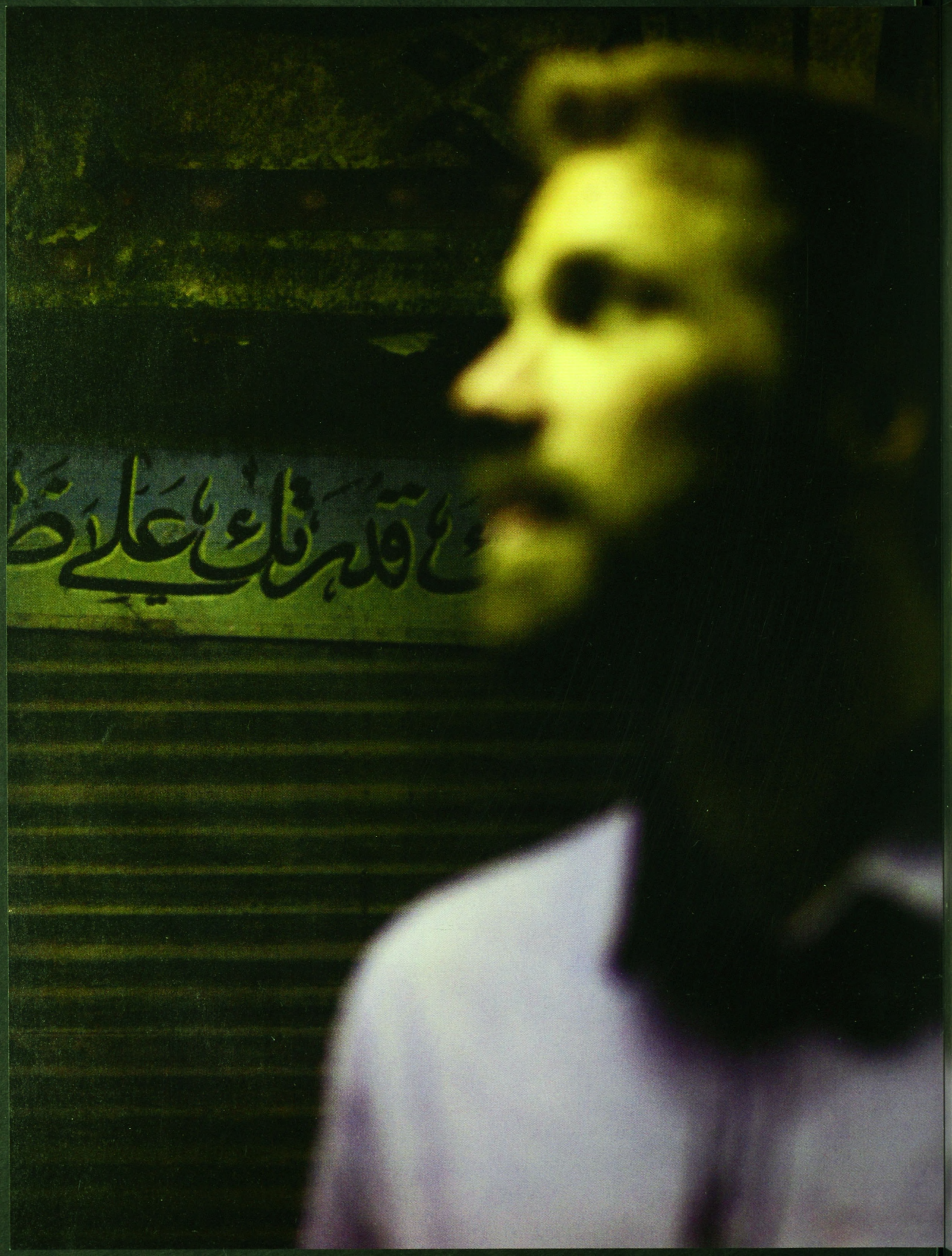
In each of the cities we visited, I met people from different generations, with extensive experience and far-reaching connections, who are eager to help recent graduates and current students who want to work or study in Asia. We discussed participating in admissions recruiting, creating internship opportunities, supporting financial aid, and assisting with career networking. We succeeded in obtaining commitments from a number of parents, alumni, and friends of the College to create new internships for students; such internships are becoming more and more important for those who seek longer-term opportunities in Asia. We also received immediate and unexpected financial support, as people attending meetings or receptions made gifts and pledges to the College on the spot, which was very welcome and gratifying.

Overall, this trip demonstrated the value of reaching out to everyone who has a connection to Middlebury's rich array of programs with an international focus. By engaging alumni of the College, the Language Schools, the Schools Abroad, and the Monterey Institute, we are attempting to nearly triple the number of people who can serve as resources for our students and other alumni. Including alumni from all of these programs increases our alumni body from slightly fewer than 30,000 graduates of the undergraduate college to about 80,000. No other liberal arts college can boast an alumni network as large, distinguished, and global as ours.

Clearly, this fact was not overlooked by the students, alumni, and parents at our four receptions. Many of the people attending had never met before, and I could see them feverishly thumbing the keys of their smartphones as they exchanged contact information. The Middlebury network was expanding before my eyes.



SOLITARY MAN
A lone figure cuts a path along a snow-dusted Battell Beach. Photograph by Brett Simison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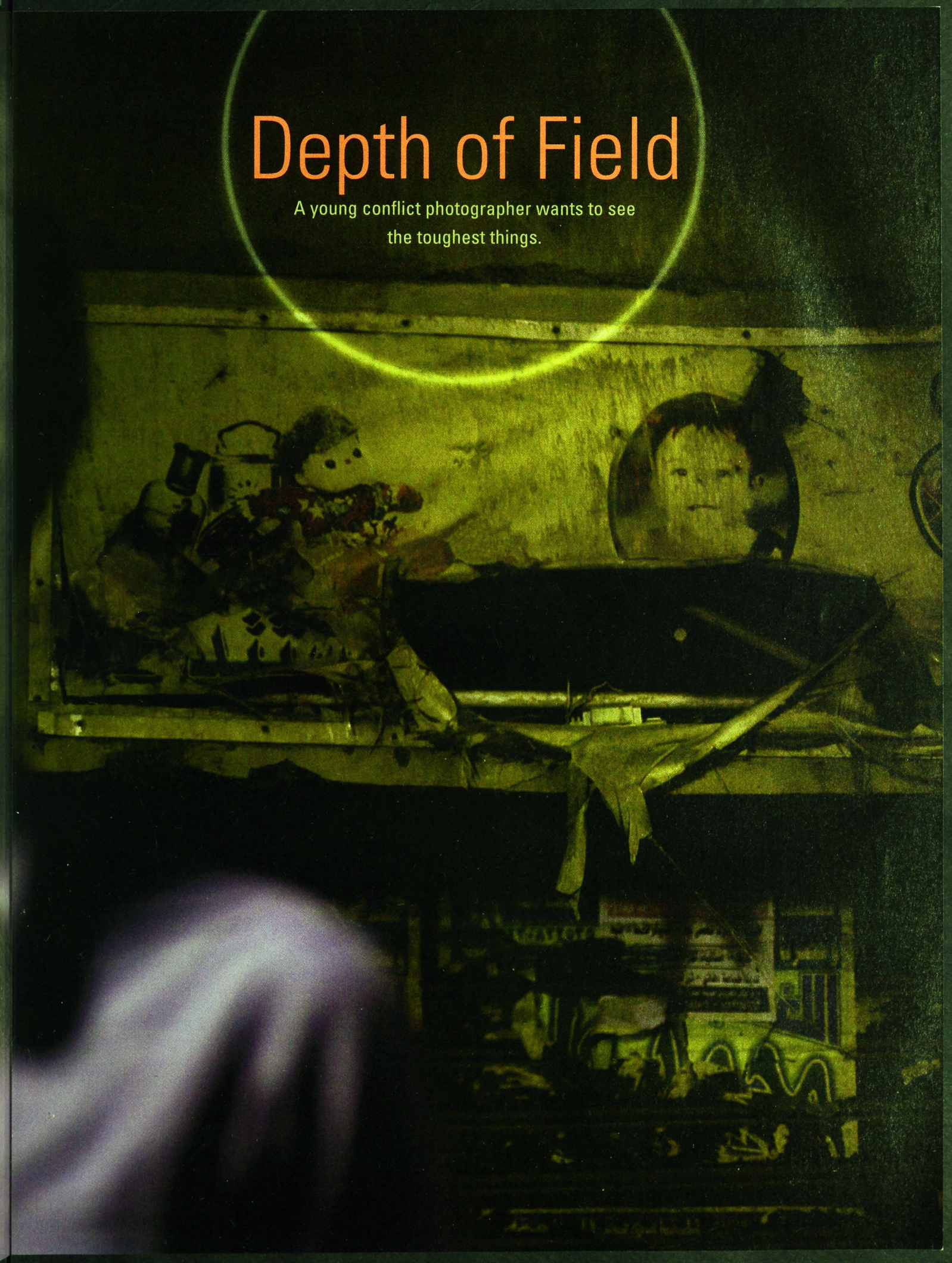
Depth of Field
A young conflict photographer wants to see
the toughest things.

Sierra Crane-Murdoch '09

Photographs by Trevor Snapp '02

One day last February, Trevor Snapp '02 boarded a bus in Cairo, headed west along a coast springing with the neon of beach resorts, and stopped before the Libyan border in the dry, scrubby town of Saloum. Just the day before he had been in Morocco (he had guessed the nation would be the next swept up in the Arab Spring) when he heard that Libya's coastal checkpoint was abandoned. A journalist had passed easily into the country. "I woke up the next morning, thought, 'I'd better get to Libya,' took the next plane to Cairo, and went straight for the border." From Saloum, he described it like this: "I crossed over. There was some dude with a gun. He said, 'Get in the van.' Next thing I knew, I was in Benghazi, and there were people with guns everywhere, missiles going all day long, like the rebels were convincing themselves they were an army. You took a picture. They shot in the air. They were playing to the camera."

The rebels, Trevor found, were scrappy but unpracticed. Their bombs were the sort fishermen tossed overboard in tomato cans to send fish, dead, to the surface. When an army loyal to the revolutionaries organized a front line, rebels charged past it, shooting then retreating to the back. At first, they pushed Muammar Qaddafi's forces west toward Sirte, the dictator's birthplace. Then they began to lose. By the time Qaddafi had nearly reached Benghazi and NATO dropped bombs in the rebels' defense, Trevor had left the country.

I met him on Avenue Bourghiba in Tunis, Tunisia's capital, eight months later—the day Qaddafi was killed. Trevor wore a blue button-down shirt, loose jeans that tapered around his calves, ankle-high brown boots, and a soft leather camera bag slung over his left shoulder. He looked his age of 31, with a trimmed beard and wry smile. He spoke slowly and with an odd accent he calls "international English," which made his eloquence seem all the more surprising. We walked north toward the Libyan embassy and paused at a sidewalk café for coffee. It came in tall, milky glasses and with a bowl of sugar cubes. "The bang-bang is only part of the story," said Trevor, when I asked why he left Libya. "The market wants their bang-bang shots, and there are plenty of photographers to supply them. The market doesn't care as much for civilian casualties or gangs that grow up in the ashes of the war. It's hard for photographers because we risk a lot to go to these places, and we want to go back. We want to finish the story. But often we have to do it on our own dime." Though wasn't it the breaking news, I asked, that first drew him to Libya? "I'm not interested in conflict for conflict's sake," he said. "I'm more interested in what happens next."

Two men took the table next to ours, and a waiter placed a hookah pipe between them. He lit and fanned the coal. The sun had set, and the street was dimly lit, streaked by the yellow lights of taxis. A car trailing a Libyan flag passed. "Let's go," said Trevor, sliding two dinars onto the table. We walked north until we came to the embassy, a tall, columned building hemmed with razor wire. A few dozen men had slipped past the coils and gathered on the steps. They were sweaty and ecstatic, and chanted in breathy syllables. Some held their arms in slings; one boy leaned on crutches. On the sidewalk, a crowd gathered around a white SUV, doors splayed, a stereo blaring hip-hop in Arabic. A pretty girl who wore a flag over her hair asked me to take her photograph. "I'm so happy," she said. She asked if I had seen the pictures of Qaddafi. I had—his face contorted, pressed against another man's knee, chest soaked in blood. "I'm so happy," she said again and ran into the crowd. A legless man wheeled onto the sidewalk. When Trevor kneeled to take his picture, the man didn't notice; he leaned forward in his chair and sobbed.

I found Trevor one afternoon at a café east of Tunis, where we were to meet our translator. Ammar, 29, had just voted in Tunisia's first democratic election but would return soon to Dubai, where he worked for a marketing company. He was tall, impeccably groomed, and, having expected a more glamorous employer, confounded by Trevor's nonchalance. (One night, he asked about our plans for the next day. We didn't have any, Trevor replied; we made them up as we went along. "You're kidding!" said Ammar. "You're an interesting man, Trevor! You really are!")

Ammar took the back seat of our rental car, lit a cigarette, and opened a newspaper. The Islamist party, which believes faith should be the foundation for Tunisia's new democracy, had won the most seats on the constitutional assembly. This was no surprise, since practicing Muslims were jailed and tortured by the last regime. Their devotion to Islam—and their political will—had strengthened through years of isolation. The winning party, despite its religious roots, promised to uphold women's rights, even those contrary to Sharia law. But Trevor suspected these progressive values were strongest in the urban north, while in the country's southern reaches, Tunisians sought a far more conservative state. So, he suggested we get out of the city.

"What do you think of this, Trevor?" asked Ammar, who folded the paper on his lap. I thought maybe Trevor didn't hear. He kept glancing at a lake to the west, where an old fisherman in street clothes waded up to his waist.

"I think it's very complex," he said. "But it also makes sense. America has been propping up dictators to suppress Islamic people for decades. And when these dictators fled, it became a victory for religion. Like when Qaddafi died, and three days later, millions of Tunisians—many weren't even Islamist—voted for the Islamists."

"I think you're right," said Ammar.

We came to a lonely, littered traffic circle patrolled by two policemen. At the center of the circle stood a giant, painted statue of a creature with large ears, a bushy tail, in a blue bodysuit. "What is that?" said Trevor. Ammar acted bored. Perhaps it was a mongoose or a rat. The last dictator, Ben Ali, had erected these statues as reminders not to litter. "Hold on," said Trevor, parking the car. "I have to get this." He crossed the road and knelt beneath the creature.

"This guy makes me nervous," said Ammar, eyeing the policemen. "He acts more comfortable in Tunisia than a Tunisian!"

Back in the car, Trevor flicked through radio stations—French pundits, Black Eyed Peas—and settled, for a moment, on something that resembled "Arabian Nights." He turned it off and sat in silence. Rows of olive trees stretched and narrowed to points on the coastline. Each village we passed was dryer than the last, until pastures turned to reddish dust and orchards to windrows of prickly pear. A shepherd walked a bicycle alongside a flock; a Berber woman, blue dots tattooed across her forehead and cheeks, locked

Protesters flee tear gas and bullets, as street battles rage near Egypt's Interior Ministry building near Tahrir Square. "I'm not interested in conflict for conflict's sake," Trevor says. "I'm more interested in what happens next."

my eyes until I turned. The week before, after Trevor had spent only a few days in the country, he called and told me he was having a hard time photographing the place. "There are certain kinds of stories you can't do justice to with photography," he said. "Social change and protests are easy to make visual points about because they're very dramatic and obvious. Changes that happen inside people are more difficult." As the sun lowered, casting the desert in yellow light, his eyes darted across irrigation ditches, clusters of concrete houses, sheep crossing a dusty road. This light was clearer, he said finally, than any he had ever seen.

Trevor Snapp was born on Lopez Island, 15 miles in length, eight in width, and an hour ferry ride from the upper coast of Washington. His father worked as a fisherman in Alaska, and for a few seasons, Trevor's mother joined him there until they saved enough money to buy land on the island. There they lived in the hollow of a tree while they erected a workshop, and later a house. They had a privy, chickens, and a garden, which his mother tended while his father built and fixed boats. The longest fishing vessel the family kept was the *David B.*, a century-old diesel tugboat that once had run on steam. To maneuver the boat into gear, his father would ring a bell, and Trevor would jam a four-foot metal bar into a wheel and push down on it hard. When he was younger, too slight to muscle the bar, he balanced on it and jumped. Sometimes his father rang the bell as Trevor leapt, but the bar wouldn't budge. Many years later, Trevor decided to buy a sailboat with money he earned from raising three pigs. When he took it into the bay, the guard board split open, and water rushed through the opening. He sold the boat and bought a car.

When Trevor was 13, his parents mortgaged their house and took the family to Europe. There they found a Volkswagen van and drove around the continent for three months. In Amsterdam, he remembers the freedom of riding the tram with his younger brother and his amazement at the old age of the place. Three years later, he convinced his parents to send him to New Zealand for a semester of school. "I thought I would be climbing volcanoes," he said, "but I ended up in the ghetto of Christchurch. It's like the least ghettoized city in the world, but it definitely has a ghetto, and I was definitely in it." He went to jail twice, once when he was mugged, and again when he streaked a cricket game. He passed from family to family and was nearly sent home, but, humiliated by the prospect, convinced the program to let him stay.

The semester before Trevor enrolled at Middlebury, he studied in Nepal. "It was very magical—the idea of reincarnation, the

thousands of gods, the very different way Hindus approach the world." His enchantment quickly dissipated in college, where he was struck by the wealth and formality of his peers. "I barely knew my teachers' last names growing up. Students would say, 'That's Donny Grant,' and I was like, 'You mean Donny?'" He designed a major in African studies and went abroad to Cameroon. There he found the subject of his thesis—how fishing communities navigate access to Lake Chad—and learned that the best way to find a story was simply to show up. "I went without any contacts, and one of the first people I talked to said, 'My father's a chief up there near the lake.' I ended up living with him."

Trevor's post-college years were nearly as coincidental. He went to New Orleans to work as a prison guard but waited tables instead. He tried hopping trains west, but guards chased him off after only a few miles. He rode with truckers the rest of the way. He was a bike messenger in New York until he found a job with the Civilian Complaint Review Board interviewing witnesses about police conduct. "Nothing ever got solved," he said. "I think they hired recent graduates because we were easy to manipulate." When he saved enough money, he traveled to Italy and India with his girlfriend at the time, and they tried unsuccessfully to publish several stories. When he returned to the States, he sold his photographs to news agencies. Then he moved to Mexico.

In 2008, he began publishing regularly, first with newspapers and magazines abroad, and then with *TIME*, *Newsweek*, the *New York Times*, and online at NPR and the BBC. Now he is syndicated with Corbis Images. He has covered stories of both his own and others' invention in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Tanzania. But the place he has come to know best is South Sudan, where he first went on assignment with a nonprofit in 2009, two years before the country gained independence from North Sudan. He found it a frustrating place to work. A hotel room might cost 150 dollars a night, a tomato a dollar. But the country, weakened by violent attacks from North Sudan and the roving Lord's Resistance Army, was rife with visual stories. The first story he followed was of the remote Murle tribe, which frequently adopted unwanted children from a neighboring community. Violence in the region turned the exchange into a lucrative market for kidnapped children. Accessing Murle territory was difficult, however; planes can land there only during one dry season a year. After several weeks in South Sudan's capital, Juba, Trevor met with the Murle chief and found a flight in. Soon after he arrived, his plane left without him, and he had to hitch a ride back out.

Young boys play along the pockmarked wall of a decaying school in the South Sudan. "I like that I'm constantly forced to look at what I have and what others don't have and be comfortable with that."

When I asked Trevor what draws him to places with deep conflict, he said, "I want to know that, even if just for a night, I can sleep in a slum or hang out in a prison full of gang members."

Peering into lives unlike his own has made him feel comfortable with his place in the world. He talks about his camera as though it were a shield—yet, some of his images have been burnt thoroughly onto his mind's negative. One night, we were driving north along the coast when he told me a story from South Sudan.

"It's hard for me to even talk about this," he said. "There was a boy in the Nuba Mountains who had half of his face blown off—a bomb dropped from a cargo plane. A local doctor had sewed it up somehow, and it was infested with worms." The boy's father took him to a hospital, where Trevor visited one day. Before he met the boy, he asked the father for permission to take his son's photograph. The father was pleased; he wanted people to see how his family had suffered. But when Trevor saw the boy, he couldn't lift his camera. "It was like nothing I had ever seen," he said. "And now that picture's not in my camera, but in my mind."

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BEFORE THE DIGITAL CAMERA, images of conflict took a longer time to prepare and distribute. Journalists often spent weeks in the field before sending film to editors, and so there were fewer of them. Ask baby boomers to recall iconic photographs of the Vietnam War, and they're likely to mention the same image of a naked girl running from a napalm cloud or the Viet Cong officer taking a bullet in the head. Ask about the Iraq War, and they're more likely to stumble. Tim Hetherington, a journalist killed by mortar fire in Libya last April, once asked his colleague João Silva if there were any great images to come out of Iraq as there were from Vietnam. Silva replied, "The problem isn't that we haven't taken that classic image. The problem is that we have taken too many." Journalists in Iraq were some of the first to use digital technology, landing in the field with new cameras and manuals. Capturing a quick, clear image was suddenly much easier, a snap of the shutter, as simple as a trigger-pull.

The Internet, too, has created space for more photographers, professional and amateur, to publish. The ironic result is that the images we pay most attention to are not the beautifully composed but the shockingly raw, mindless of form, light, and clarity. I recall, first, Lynndie England holding an Abu Ghraib prisoner by a leash. The next that comes to mind is a blood-soaked Qaddafi, the same photograph the Libyan girl mentioned to me that night at the embassy. When I asked Trevor about that image, he said it nearly made him sorry for the man. Indeed, critics had called it tasteless, disrespectful, and, according to one critic, "death porn." But there was truth in its rawness, Trevor said, and the grotesque honesty struck people—after all, executions aired on national television under Qaddafi. "Maybe photojournalists would have made more aesthetic choices," said Trevor. "But maybe their photographs wouldn't have felt as true."

Photojournalists tread a precarious line in documenting conflict. "It's our job to get people to look at things they would not otherwise see," said Trevor. But most newspapers won't publish highly

The body of a volunteer rebel lies in a Brega morgue, the young man a victim of a Libyan government air strike. "It's our job to get people to look at things they would not otherwise see."

grotesque images, so photographers often rely on artistic suggestion to make a point. A worm-infested boy never would have been published. But last year, the cover of *Time* magazine featured an Afghani girl with her nose cut off. "It was shocking, and a risk, but you could tell the girl was beautiful," said Trevor. "She looked like Mary."

Navigating a news-driven, digital market frustrates Trevor, who is drawn to stories that take months, if not years, to report. Violent images are worthless unless placed in context, he says, but developing contextual stories takes more time than most outlets are willing to give. This past year, he began assembling a mixed-media iPad book about Sudan with *Time* correspondent Alan Boswell. "The iPad is very tactile. You can touch the picture, move it around. Text or audio pops up. It's a layered experience." Trevor has thought about publishing his photos on newsprint, too, so people in Sudan can tear them up and paste them on the walls of their homes. He's also raising money for an exhibition of large images from South Sudan to show in capitals around the world. "Photographers work for nothing, and it's going to be like that," he said. "But at least I can try to make myself relevant."

One evening, we stopped at a dim roadside shop. Ammar bought cigarettes from three men who sat in white plastic chairs. The shop was sparsely stocked, aside from a glass case mounded with small, honeyed sweets. One of the men motioned for Trevor to take some, and he did, placing two sticky squares in his palm. Then he held the glass open for me, and I did the same. When we pulled back onto the road, I asked Trevor why he thought it was important for people to see things they'd rather not see. "In America we have covered walkways and umbrellas," he said. "It's frustrating as a photographer. Everything is hidden in prisons, in old folks homes, in schools. We're protected from so much of life—and death, too. I could forget death exists until a loved one passes away. But if I wander around Nairobi long enough, I'm sure to come across a body."

"That's different, though, from seeing someone get killed," I said.

"Of course. I was in Uganda the last night of the World Cup. We went to a party for a local newspaper, and some reporters started getting texts that a bomb had gone off. We thought it must be a gas explosion. Then someone else got a text that another bomb had gone off at a nightclub. So we hopped on a *boda-boda* and went to the hospital. It was total anarchy. In one room, there was a pile of dead people, all these beautiful, young people dressed in their nice clothes to go out. It's so impersonal. Something about bombing civilians, whether it's the U.S. dropping a bomb on a wedding or Al Shabab throwing a grenade into a nightclub, I can never quite get my head around it." There were photographers, he said, who saw that sort of thing every week.

Could he become one of them, I asked?

"I would not be okay."

Two days after the bombing, Trevor's photograph of a young victim and a nurse pressing a stethoscope to his chest made the front page of the *New York Times*. The week following, Trevor left for South Sudan, where he attended four funerals for men he hadn't met. He had little time to process what he had seen in Uganda. It was easier, anyway, to move onto the next thing. When he left Libya last March, he went home to Lopez Island. "It's hard to go home and talk about this stuff," he said. "It never really comes up, so you just kind of turn it off." He visits home twice a year, but doesn't think he'll live in the States again. "I like that I'm constantly forced to look at what I have and what others don't have and be comfortable with that. Once you've been in the world," he joked, "the only place in America you can really live is New York."

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Several months later, when the North Sudanese dropped bombs in the Nuba Mountains of South Sudan, Trevor went back. "That boy," he told me. "I wish I had taken his picture. It would've protected me from some of the horror." Trevor drummed his fingers on the wheel. He glanced inside a passing car. "And I just think it should exist. The picture of that boy should exist. Because five days ago, another bomb dropped on a village there, and it's not going to be reported."

One evening in the holy city of Kairouan, a few hundred kilometers south of Tunis, bats flickered in the rafters of the Great Mosque. Trevor, Ammar, and I were perched in a dark corridor above the courtyard, opposite the prayer room, where two young Muslims, breaking briefly from our interview, had gone to pray. Hundreds of men and women were at the mosque that evening. They rode their bicycles through heavy wooden doors and propped them against columns that edged the courtyard. From the prayer room came a deep atonal hum, like from a hive of bees. Then, suddenly, the prayer was over. Women draped in veils shuffled briskly across the courtyard and disappeared like black ghosts onto the street.

Trevor noticed Ossema and Marwen, our interviewees, crossing toward us, and he lifted his camera. They wore long white smocks and knit crowns. Their dress was Saudi but customary for Tunisian Salafists, who believe that Islam should be practiced the way their prophet once did. (Sharia law and jihad are among those ways.) The two men had not always been so conservative. Each was jailed during the last regime, and Ossema told us that in confinement he met many educated men. Through conversation, they became more devout. "Now I have a question," Ossema said in perfect English when he joined us again in the corridor. "If Americans believe in democracy, then why do they select a government that supports dictators who kill us?"

I looked at Trevor, who looked at Ossema. "That's a good question," he said. He leaned forward and in slow, accented English said, "If politicians try to do something in America—if they try to build a dam or spy on people—the citizens get very angry. But the American government pretty much does what it wants in the rest of the world. Most citizens trust it. If you ask an American, 'How do you feel that you're responsible for tens of thousands of civilians killed in the last decade?' they will say, 'What are you talking about?'" Trevor tilted his head against a column. "I'm sorry," he said. "This is something I get very passionate about."

The streets were quiet outside the mosque. Trevor positioned

A pregnant woman tends to her cattle at dusk in a remote camp in the Jonglei state of South Sudan. "In America, we have covered walkways and umbrellas . . . We're protected from so much life—and death."

Marwen beneath an archway and asked me to hold a reflective disk to the man's cheek. Then we said goodnight and walked down the narrow, cobblestone street. Men who passed us nodded as though they knew who we were, and indeed, when we crossed a paved street to our hotel, a boy on the corner called, "You're the journalists from France!" Trevor laughed and nodded. It would have been too hard to correct him.

The next day, we intended to go west to Sbeitla, but took a wrong turn and went to Sidi Bouzid. This was where the Arab Spring began, when Mohamed Bouazizi, a young vendor harassed by municipal officials for selling his wares without a permit, self-immolated beside the governor's office. Trevor wanted to find the spot where it happened, so Ammar inquired directions from a long-winded man on the sidewalk. "What did he say?" asked Trevor.

"Go this way for a few blocks," said Ammar. "Then ask."

The streets were deserted, and the dwellings, too, some gutted to all but bricks. After several blocks, we saw a woman in jeans and a headscarf. "Ask her," said Trevor.

"I won't do it," said Ammar. (It's considered indecent for a Muslim man to approach a woman, even with a request as benign as ours.) "You do it," he told me.

"I don't speak Arabic," I said.

"Say something," said Trevor.

"*Bonjour, Madame,*" I said, catching the woman's attention. I looked back at Ammar, who began to speak. The woman scowled at him and kept walking.

"You see?" said Ammar.

The place where Bouazizi burned himself was a patch of pavement in a busy street. Trevor pointed his camera at the ground. He squatted, planted a foot, and lifted his heel. A boy on a motorbike posed in jest. Trevor turned to find another angle and noticed five men sitting in the shade of a kiosk. He kneeled and took their picture. When he showed them the photograph, one man stood to leave; another shook his hand. Trevor returned to the patch of pavement and tried once more. "I give up," he said. "Let's go."

We drove north, and when the sun had nearly set, turned down a dusty road lined in prickly pear. We parked by a cluster of houses, and several children came to greet us. A young girl showed Trevor the way she lowered a yellow jug into a well to collect water. She pulled the rope up, hand over hand, as Trevor took her picture. He would tell me later that the light was the sort that stretched the medium to the edge of its capability. It reminded him of his favorite photograph, one he took at a South Sudan cattle camp late in the day. In this photograph, there are no guns or dead people. There is only a woman, her belly round and dropping with child, and a gray cow she holds by the horn. The sky is washed white by a setting sun. The woman is a dark, bulbous shadow, her eyes barely visible. "It's grainy and blurry, a little strange," Trevor told me. "But I like how imperfect it is."

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Dirty Jobs?

Not to Linda Ross

In the summer of 1980, Linda Ross accepted a part-time, temporary job as a custodial worker serving the Language Schools. By the end of the session, the temporary tag had been removed; the part-time designation followed, and by 1994, Ross had been promoted to the assistant director of custodial services. She now oversees a division of 96 people who work in vehicle rental, space management and office moves, office services, and custodial services.

On her expansive desk sits a nameplate with the words Boss Ross. Always within reach is her "magic wand," which she wields whenever the occasion warrants. Linda Ross has a face made for smiling; she laughs a lot. And on an early winter morning, she sat down with Middlebury Magazine *to talk about her job.*

IT'S THE INTERACTION WITH PEOPLE—faculty, staff, and students—that is the best part of the job. Getting to know people.

Biggest challenges? Holding on to staff in the department. It can be hard to keep good people. It can be hard work here, and younger folks are seeing the challenges for the first time. It may not be their dream job, but it *is* their job. I have high expectations of my staff. That's who I am. Holding people to those expectations is important.

Some of the challenges that I think about now that we didn't used to think about are things like a pandemic flu. A cleaner campus can lead to a healthier campus. There's really no way to measure that, but it's always on your mind.

We lost a lot of staff [through voluntary separations and early retirement] during the recession. So we had to cut back on some of the services that we offered. That was hard.

I think our staff has finally accepted this. People take pride in their work, and it was hard to cut back on some things that we used to do regularly when we had more staff. I have to really compliment the Commons staff and residential staff for being supportive, for saying to us, "It's OK, we understand." That's helped our folks get through it.

For me, personally, this job is so rewarding because I *do* feel that people understand what we do. Maybe it's my rose-colored glasses, but I think that everybody realizes what we do, what we bring to the table. The appreciation comes forth in so many ways.

I would have to say that in all my years of experience at Middlebury, there have been only a handful of times when a student has looked at the department and said, "That's your job. You're a maid." It's only a handful. In 32 years.

The most important thing is building a relationship with students. Two young men came forward after causing quite a hassle for us last year during the week of Commencement. They came before Community Council and spoke about the things that they had done—they had sprayed off some fire extinguishers—and asked what they could do to help us in the future. I looked at it and thought that we could turn this into something really positive, make this a learning experience for them. Since then they've come forward with some great ideas on how to discourage dorm damage, reckless behavior. A negative has turned into a positive.

Watching a student grow. That's a thing that's good, in my opinion.

Things aren't nearly as bad as they used to be. I remember getting a call about lobsters in the toilet down at the Mill. Or a calf in the living room of a fraternity house. One time a student had a boa constrictor, and the kid would let the snake out of his cage to exercise. One day, a plumber walked into the bathroom and there was the snake. He didn't come to work for two days after that.

Before we renovated Hadley and Milliken, the students on one given night had bricked in the alcoves, closing in people in two rooms. I have to say, the craftsmanship was beautiful.

Stuff like that doesn't happen anymore.

Those things are fun to look back on. Though at the time I guess it wasn't that funny.

In 32 years, you see a lot of people come and go, not just students but faculty and staff, too. What's great, though, is when you hear from someone who graduated 20 years ago, and they ask, "Do you remember me? You helped me grow up." That's what we do.

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By creating a home for the future, a group from Middlebury not only captured hearts and minds at the 2011 Solar Decathlon, they helped illustrate the very evolution of the liberal arts.

This Is How They Did It

By Kevin Charles Redmon '09

Photography by Mark Ostow

When Florida Governor Rick Scott said a few months ago that "we don't need a lot more anthropologists in the state . . . I want to spend our [state] dollars giving people science, technology, engineering, and math degrees," he fired the latest salvo in a war of ideas that centers on the cost and value of higher education in America.

With student loan debt skyrocketing—by many estimates, the country is poised to see this figure pass the $1 trillion mark, which would push it past the amount of credit-card debt in America—the relevance and utility of a liberal arts education is being called into question: is it worth it?

For centuries, the answer has been "yes," the belief being that a liberal education—the broad exposure to knowledge from across academic disciplines—best prepares a person for all the challenges one will face in life. "Yes, but not if such an education is static," Middlebury's President Ron Liebowitz told me recently. "A liberal arts education for the 21st century must be dynamic—it must create connections between its foundational qualities and the larger world.

"It must also provide opportunities for students to use their critical faculties and skills, honed through the exposure to a wide range of ideas and a diversity of approaches to accumulating knowledge," he continued. "Such an education allows one to see things more broadly, understand things more fully, approach

problems more creatively, and where appropriate, develop ways to address these problems. That is the value of a liberal arts education that a highly specialized education doesn't offer."

Challenging convention is not new to Middlebury. The College itself began as an odd notion—an "experiment," Liebowitz noted in his 2004 inaugural address, founded without government support in a "tiny settlement," isolated in the frigid Northeast. Then in 1915, Vassar College German professor Lilian Stroebe saw Middlebury's remoteness as the perfect setting for an immersive language program, a *Universität* on Otter Creek. The burgeoning Language Schools soon attracted international scholars and sheltered brave thinkers fleeing totalitarian regimes—from Spain, Italy, Russia, and elsewhere.

When Joseph Battell died and bequeathed the College his Bread Loaf Inn in nearby Ripton, the school prepared to sell it until two English professors knocked on the president's door with a bold proposal: allow them to found a graduate school of English and use the Inn as their mountain campus. The notion of Ripton, Vermont, as a literary polestar would once have been risible, but in 1921 Robert Frost arrived to teach, and five years later he helped launch the nation's first writers' conference there.

And in 1965, when Middlebury quite literally invented a new major, environmental studies, its interdisciplinary curriculum spread like brushfire to universities throughout the country. Little did the College know it was sowing the seeds for today's carbon-neutrality pledge, its LEED-platinum environmental center, and its biomass facility.

Whatever traits have crept into the campus gene pool in the last two hundred years, risk aversion is not one of them. Which is why it shouldn't be surprising that Liebowitz would be advocating and leading the charge for an evolved definition of what a liberal arts education might become. But even that did not prepare him to consider, at first, an audacious idea proposed by his wife Jessica in early June 2009.

For months, she had been reading about U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, a Nobel laureate in physics. She was intrigued by his efforts to break out of the paralyzing effects of partisan politics by aligning the nation's need for energy policy innovation with a call for dramatic advances in energy-related sciences and in their practical applications. And so she came upon the Solar Decathlon.

The brainchild of Department of Energy veteran Richard King, the first Solar Decathlon was held in 2002 and has occurred biennially since then. The DOE selects 20 collegiate teams from around the world to compete in designing, building, and operating solar-powered houses that are cost-effective, energy-efficient, and attractive. Once built, the houses are displayed in Washington and put through 10 individual contests, each worth 100 points. Juried contests—in such areas as architecture, engineering, and communications—are judged by industry pros on a scale of 0 to 100. Measured contests—such as the house's ability to control the climate, run kitchen appliances, and generate power—are monitored and quantified daily, under cloudy skies and clear.

It's not enough to simply build the house, though, because the winners must also prove they can write persuasively, host dinner parties in their house, and code websites that explain and promote their project. And at the end of competition, each house must have produced more energy than it consumed; it must be "net zero."

And for the 2011 Decathlon, King was introducing an affordability contest. The buildings had to cost $250,000 or less—slightly below the price of an average new home. He gave affordability equal weight to architecture and energy balance to ensure that the teams wouldn't be tempted to solve engineering problems by throwing money at them.

Jessica Liebowitz was convinced that Middlebury students would have the passion and commitment to acquire the skills they needed to pursue such an opportunity, and she persisted in convincing the initially dubious president that this was something Middlebury students could tackle.

Ron Liebowitz's initial skepticism was not without merit. Previously, the Solar Decathlon had attracted candidates from the world's leading architecture and engineering schools and programs; a liberal arts school had never been accepted for the competition. So, for good reason, the first thing Middlebury's president had to do was set aside any concerns that the Decathlon would automatically exclude a liberal arts school like Middlebury.

"I was absolutely intrigued from the very beginning. I thought it was a great idea, but at the same time I had to think, 'It is borderline absurd that the judges will consider an entry from a liberal arts school,'" he said, recalling his initial reaction. But then, he thought, following those persistent words of encouragement from his wife, "while we can't control what the judges do or don't do, we can control what we do."

On June 21, he sent out a query to a collection of big thinkers, faculty and staff in environmental studies and physics, at the College: Nan Jenks-Jay, dean of environmental affairs; Rich Wolfson and Noah Graham, physics professors; Stephen Trombulak, professor of environmental studies; Bill McKibben, Schumann Distinguished Scholar; and Jack Byrne, director of sustainability integration. "Why can't we do this?" he asked.

Wolfson wrote back within hours: "No reason we can't!" Graham called the idea "fantastic." "It was a little daunting," he later told me. "But it reinforces something we say a lot: 'We give you the basic training, and you can take it in whatever direction.' That's our view in the liberal arts. This forced us to ask, 'How much do we really believe that?'"

Jenks-Jay suggested asking the College's facilities team for some "sound advice" on construction. As for faculty, Jenks-Jay proposed Andrea Kerz-Murray, a local architect and visiting lecturer in the history of art and architecture department.

At the same time that Jenks-Jay was recommending Kerz-Murray, the architect received an e-mail—about the Solar Decathlon—from one of her students. It was actually the fourth time in three years that someone had asked her about putting together a team for the event. Those earlier requests never went further than Kerz-Murray, but the latest query, from Addison Godine '11, seemed different.

A restless overachiever from Boston, Godine already had a reputation as an inquirer, a tinkerer, an entrepreneur. As a sophomore, he cofounded the Green Engineers club, which reconfigured a stationary bike to produce hydrogen (how else are you going to fuel your hydrogen-powered tractor?) and invented "the Goose," a simple, low-cost wind turbine.

Kerz-Murray was intrigued and floated the proposal by her colleagues.

While she and others in her department were first beginning to entertain Godine's idea, a dinner invitation from President Liebowitz appeared in her inbox: Would she come to 3 South Street and join a discussion about getting involved in the Decathlon? "I thought to myself, 'Oh, *expletive*,'" Kerz-Murray said. "What have I gotten myself into?"

September 15, 2011

THE HOUSE, NAMED SELF-RELIANCE, leaves campus for the nation's capital in eight pieces. There are other ways to transport a 22-foot-wide load 483 miles, but they require police escorts and a permit to shut down the freeway, and who has time for that kind of paperwork?

The roof breaks apart into six triangles, like sandwiches cut the clever way; a crane operator with an easy touch loads them onto flatbed trailers. Furnishings—from the dryer to the kitchen table—parade out the front door and into the back of a Ryder truck. The floor splits cleanly down the middle so that the living room parts ways with the kitchen for several days. Shrink-wrapped in bright blue vinyl and ratcheted down with heavy belts, each module looks like it might contain some large, dangerous animal on its way to a zoo.

Reassembly at the Decathlon site begins just before midnight on a Tuesday. The late hour adds to the urgency of the task ahead. Klieg lights illuminate the National Mall's West Potomac Park like a crime scene. A convoy of semis snarls traffic along the river. In all the chaos—the swirling hazard lights, the blaze-orange vests, the shrill alarm of heavy machinery, the sight of men running in work boots—leveling the house's steel-girder foundation feels like a Marine operation.

A few days later, and just five days before competition begins, half the roof is missing. Self-Reliance's eastern gables are still sitting under a rain-soaked tarp in a Middlebury parking lot, and the master bedroom has an impressive—and unintentional—skylight where its ceiling should be.

The assembly crew are clambering up ladders and sitting atop walls, trying to secure a makeshift awning. The wind is blowing something awful, and they might as well be flying a kite.

Alex Jopek '11, construction lead and logistics guru, is on his *n*th terse phone call with a trucking company. The wayward roof modules contain the better part of the home's mechanical guts—expensive, carefully wired gadgets. They should be in place already—no, they should have been in place *yesterday*.

A 120-ton crane with a $2,500 per diem idles onsite, chugging diesel, nothing to lift. Before long, the leaden sky begins to spit drizzle.

Ben Brown '11, an EMT and the team's safety officer, takes one look at my Cole Haan ankle boots and bicycle helmet and tells me to come back with steel-toes and a hard hat. Officials will suspend work at the entire site for any violation of a Decathlon rule, and—this being the Fed—there are literally hundreds. Brown's job is to quote them like scripture. (From rule 3-3(c): "The bottoms of the pant legs shall, at a minimum, touch the top of the boots when standing.") With forklifts zipping in all directions and ladders propped against every roof, splinters aren't the worst that can happen.

I take a walk around the village with Jesse Catalano '11, one of Middlebury's guiding voices and a graphic design demon. He talks architecture with quiet confidence. After months of studying the other teams' blueprints online, he's seeing them take shape for the first time.

The skeleton of Belgium's two-story cube looks like an Erector Set creation. China has fused three glossy black shipping containers into a Y, lending their house a punkish, industrial look. Canada's roof is bulging eggshell. New Zealand's sports a pair of canted wings and looks like it might take flight at any moment. Less so New Jersey's, a brutalist slab of concrete, which looks like it might crush the slender stanchions holding it aloft and flatten everyone inside. Purdue's home is nearly complete. Massachusetts's is still a patch of grass.

Summer 2009

WITH THE COLLEGE SHOWING SERIOUS INTEREST IN ENTERING THE COMPETITION, Addison Godine spent July and August courting teammates. He first turned to Joe Baisch '11 and Alex Jopek '11, two friends from an introductory course in architectural design, asking if they would serve as lead architect and lead builder, respectively. Next he approached his fellow cofounder of the Green Engineers, Chester Curme '11, who signed on to help with the mechanicals.

In late August, just before the start of classes, Kerz-Murray and her colleagues returned to 3 South Street, this time with Godine, Baisch, and Jopek for an extended lunch meeting. The group discussed fund-raising, a workspace, and curricular integration. "A project like this has a lot of moving parts," Noah Graham, the physics professor, said. "That was the strength of a small school. We could have a meeting with the president, with the deans, with all the people who could make things happen."

The group knew that institutional support was key. Sustainability director Jack Byrne recalled comparing notes on the project with a colleague at another small school. "She looked at me and said, 'You know, the difference between your institution and mine is, you're in a culture of yes.' "

In a critical show of support, President Liebowitz earmarked several thousand dollars in presidential discretionary funds for the fall semester. And to help the project achieve escape velocity, he would include the Decathlon in his convocation speech to more than 600 first-year students. To the president, the Solar Decathlon demonstrated what he had been talking about since his inauguration.

"This is a perfect example of an institution building upon its academic excellence, by offering an opportunity for students to apply what they are learning outside the traditional classroom," he would later say. "These opportunities then complement—not compete with—our classroom curriculum. The Solar Decathlon shows that thinking in real terms."

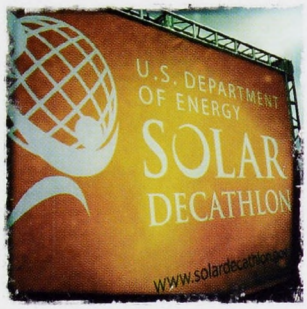
Meanwhile, the College's facilities team resurrected from mothballs the old Homer Harris Farmhouse just west of campus on Rte. 125 and turned it over to the Decathlon team for office space. (It was the beginning of a long and profound commitment from the Middlebury staff to support the project.) Every Friday throughout the fall, Godine and the team gathered there, over pastries and laptops, to assign research topics and wade through thick dossiers of DOE requirements.

The design process took off in earnest after a Saturday morning charette—a kind of architects' punch-up session—in early October. An open invitation went out to faculty, parents, professionals, and the merely curious. "Come one, come all," said Godine. "That was a decision early on."

Jim Cutler, the College's 2009 Cameron Visiting Architect and a celebrated mind, suggested parsing *concept* and *execution*. Conceptually, "a treelike home" took hold: trees are rich with living systems, active and passive; they provide shelter and habitat; they're rooted in communities, seasonally adaptive, self-sustaining; wood is their bone and sinew, water their blood. Think "arbortecture."

The charette emphasized Yankee ingenuity, common sense, and do-it-yourself simplicity. Put closets against the north wall, so you're not wasting energy to keep sweaters warm; keep window shades manual; use reclaimed wood from old barns. Questions begat questions. How do you insulate a home without petroleum-based foam? Would hay, blue jeans, or even garbage work? Could you farm algae on the walls? Capture methane from compost?

The conversation lasted five hours.



September 17, 2011

By morning, things are looking up. The storm over Washington blows itself out overnight, and the sky cracks open into a shield of blue. The missing roof modules arrive, and the water damage appears to be minimal.

Aaron Kelly '13, Middlebury's electrical lead, watches as the first of 30 matte black solar panels is hoisted into place. Once they're up and plugged in, the house can start banking precious kilowatt-hours for competition. "They look pretty darn good," he says.

Kelly is a slight, soft-spoken Texan with a studious mien and scary recall. In his junior year of high school, he rewired his Prius to run fully electric, with a 15-mile range—perfect for getting around town. As a senior, he became a certified photovoltaic installer and put a solar array on his parents' home. "I climbed my way up the learning curve."

Designing Self-Reliance's electricals was somewhat more daunting. "I spent a lot of time reading the national electric code, as tough and tiring as that is." Dean Ouellette, a College electrician and the owner of Solar Wind Solutions, and Richard Phillips, of Sherwin Electric, were on hand to give advice when the team faltered.

Middlebury sourced its panels from Sunpower, in San Jose, as did five other teams. The company manufactures some of the most efficient arrays on the market. "On a clear, sunny day," Kelly explains, "roughly 1,000 watts of solar energy fall on a square meter of panel." At 18.1 percent efficiency, a Sunpower panel will capture 180 of those watts. In all, Self-Reliance can produce 6.75 kilowatts of electricity. Because of the affordability contest, Kelly says, "we modeled our consumption and sized the array to our needs."

The home is grid-tied, meaning it can sell excess power back onto the grid rather than storing it in batteries. In the summer, when skies are clear and days are long, Self-Reliance will produce somewhat more electricity than it can use; in winter, somewhat less. Over the calendar year, Kelly says, a family of four should have zero energy bills.

A few days later, Danny Powers '12 is up on the roof with a ratchet. Only after all the panels went up did the team realize they were crooked. Powers has been tasked with shifting each four inches.

Inside, Ben Brown does cosmetic work with a paintbrush. "There are so many corners in this house," he sighs. Carson Cornbrooks '11 is on the hunt for chipped drywall and scuffed floors. "We knew there would be lots of little details to touch up," he says. "Our big fear was what we *didn't* anticipate." Like a bad sprinkler gasket that flooded the mechanical room. Or a jostled washing machine that leaks gallons of water beneath the master bedroom floor, buckling the wood. A well-placed sheepskin rug now covers the damage.

Ashar Nelson, visiting assistant professor in architecture and, along with Kerz-Murray, Self-Reliance's faculty co-adviser, draws up a "punch list," a builder's inventory of the thousand things that make up the final one percent of any project. "Small tasks for idle folks." It spills onto two pages. The porch ramp still needs to be leveled; shower curtains hung; iPad app configured; and then, as if to prove that no house is ever really finished, there are the gussets—plywood panels that hide the home's structural hardware. Perfecting them has been the construction crew's chimera. After many attempts to make them look good, Cornbrooks says, "They're still just a little bit ugly. It's a problem we never could solve."

Jesse Catalano pauses to figure an angle on a scrap of cardboard. Abe Bendheim '10 agonizes over whether the window hardware—tiny metal brackets—should be painted black or white. He takes a seat on the edge of the porch, defeated. "The honeymoon phase is over," muses Catalano. "Now we just see all the flaws."

In 24 hours, competition will begin.

Fall 2009

With the October charette over, the fledgling team had just five weeks to translate the ideas scrawled on the white boards into a winning proposal. In 25 pages or less, the team needed to demonstrate both a holistic understanding of New England vernacular and a streak of lean-forward innovation.

Utility would be the house's greatest virtue. Architectural flourishes, if they can't be figured with a pencil and framing square, would be kept to a strict few. No dormers or colonnades. No cantilever balconies. Standing alone against the elements, beneath winter whiteouts and summer storms, through vernal mud and autumnal floods, the farmhouse is less a home than a testament to perseverance against all odds. Could such ethos be carried into the 21st century?

When it comes to residential architecture, conventional wisdom holds that no one in her right mind would ever want to live in a 997-square-foot, solar-powered house. But what if the house

felt familiar? The team now imagined a home that could generate hot water on the roof, grow herbs in a kitchen greenhouse, and still fit a full bathtub. "We wanted something that people would actually want to live in," said Jopek. And they wanted to bang it together—solar panels, furniture, everything—for $250,000.

Middlebury's proposal for the "Solar Homestead," a "house that addresses the issue of health in the modern day—both the health of human beings and the health of the natural environment with which they are inextricably tied"—went out the door in early November. And then, as adviser Kerz-Murray put it, "We waited. And waited. No word."

As the DOE ground its gears, the College agreed to move ahead with the project, regardless of whether the team was accepted into the Decathlon.

"Of course we wanted to be accepted," Liebowitz later said, "but we were going to proceed [no matter what the DOE decided]. I firmly believe that we are at a watershed moment right now in higher education, and this project was a golden opportunity to get in front of the curve and define boldly what a liberal arts education, both curricular and cocurricular, could offer students."

With the administrative backing, the curriculum committee approved three courses—two for winter term, one for spring—dedicated to design and engineering, team-taught by professionals. Six more courses would eventually follow. Solar Decathlon essentially became its own minor.

In January, DOE officials seemed to agree when they notified the Middlebury team that they'd been shortlisted for one of 20 spots. A triptych poster, scale model, and written distillation of the concept were now due in March. The spring studio and lab course—taught by Winooski engineer Wayne Nelson, of L.N. Consulting, and Burlington architect Steve Smith, of SAS Architects, both of whom helped design the College's biomass facility and LEED-certified Franklin Environmental Center at Hillcrest—hammered out a submission. "I've never seen students so dedicated to a project," said Kerz-Murray. "Ever." In a photo taken a few days before the deadline, seven bleary-eyed students beam at the camera. Godine holds a pastel sketch of the house. The clock behind their heads reads 5:06 A.M.

Finally, on April 6, word from Washington. Middlebury was in—the Solar Decathlon's first unpartnered liberal arts college.

September 21, 2011

IT'S MEDIA PREVIEW DAY and Abe Bendheim is leading a group of bespectacled architects from Perkins+Will—*Architect* magazine's number-one design firm—through the house.

"We began thinking about design with regard to landscape," he says. "The New England farmstead is a building vocabulary designed for use." The gable form sheds precipitation, prevents ice dams, and maximizes interior space. The east-west axis provides an ideal platform for a PV array. The layout allows for both interior and exterior growing space.

The deck we're standing on is white oak, harvested in northern Vermont. It's naturally insect and rot resistant. The siding, warm to the touch under the midmorning sun, is white cedar, stained the color of charcoal with linseed oil. Classic New England barns are dark with age, or because farmers sometimes dispose of motor oil by tossing it against the walls. The chemicals help preserve the wood. Middlebury worked with a Canadian stain company to achieve the same effect, without the toxicity.

Before we step through the front door, Bendheim holds up a cutaway section of the house. Most homes are built with single stud walls, five-and-a-half inches deep, insulated with foam or fiberglass. Middlebury's is built with double stud walls, he explains, 11 inches deep, insulated with cellulose—recycled newspaper. To prevent the kind of heat loss known as "thermal bridging," the studs are offset. The inner and outer walls never touch. The ceiling, 21 inches thick, is built the same way. No petroleum-based insulation; no noxious chemicals.

The house's floors are sugar maple, nine trees exactly, harvested on College lands just a short haul from campus by Middlebury forester Stephen Weber and Stanis Moody-Roberts '11. The honeyed planks are irregular widths, to ensure the least amount of waste, and run the length of the house, tying together living spaces, lending continuity and flow.

To our right is a wall of triple-paned, south-facing windows. Like every door and window in the house, they're thick as dictionaries and heavy as tank hatches. They open and close with the precision of Swiss timepieces and perform tricks most windows could never dream of—like gaining more heat than they lose. Filling the window are shelves of potted plants, basil, fennel, marjoram, oregano, parsley, and sage. Outside, in planters, are the more charismatic megaflorae: tomatoes, broccoli, cabbage, scallions, and peppers. They share the deck with patio furniture made from recycled Coke bottles.

An enormous slab of heathermoor slate, quarried in Poultney and honed in Fair Haven, delineates living and cooking quarters. Generous counter space, a full-size refrigerator and dishwasher, and an induction cook top—which heats pots via magnetism, rather than flames—make the kitchen feel rather luxurious; although, the ceramic ware from Simon Pearce, in Quechee, Vermont, doesn't hurt any. Canned vegetables line the pantry. And in the dining nook, a custom-made maple table expands to seat eight.

Opposite the kitchen lies the living room, with all the requisite toys: HDTV, Apple MacBook, and an iPad for monitoring the house's electrical systems. This being 2011, the bookcase has built-in outlets for charging a Kindle. More than the modish Eco Foam couch, it's the sheepskin rug, from Duclos Farm, in Weybridge, and apple-crate side table, courtesy of Sunrise Orchard, in Cornwall, that make the place feel like home. Small, north-facing windows minimize heat loss. A long, well-lit desk lines the back wall, inviting youngsters to do their homework after dinner. It, too, is made from College maple. Tap holes are still visible in the wood. The waste bin below is—what else?—a tin sap bucket.

We head down the hall. The vaulted ceiling suddenly drops, and the architecture feels more intimate. We've left the home's public spaces and entered its private ones.

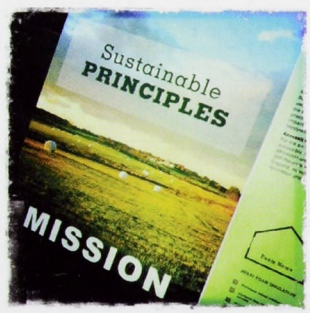
The central bathroom feels spacious and sane. The sink is clad in EcoTop, a bamboo and fiber composite that can be cut and joined like wood. A low-flow showerhead makes efficient use of the water being pre-warmed by a rooftop hydrothermal array. A dual-flush toilet teaches conservation.

In the mechanical closet, the home's heartbeat registers on an eMonitor, which measures the power draw of individual circuits in the house. An inverter, which converts the solar panels' DC into everyday AC, shows electricity production. An energy recovery ventilator transfers the heat and moisture from conditioned air to outdoor air as it's brought in for circulation, and a heat exchanger warms and cools the home; in a creative bit of engineering, condensation that forms on the unit is collected and piped to a spigot in the kitchen, where it can be used to water the herbs. When Bendheim refers to holistic, "cradle to cradle" design, this is the kind of inspired thinking he's talking about.

Finally, at the eastern end of the home, past an ersatz barn door that slides open to reveal a stacked washer and dryer, are two bedrooms. The vaulted ceilings return, leaving plenty of space in the children's room for a whimsical, green-apple bunk bed by Modern Design, in Burlington. Across the hall, featuring a spacious closet, private back porch, and gorgeous southern exposure, is a room for the parents.

The architects exit through the east door, back into the muggy morning heat. Bendheim hands each of them a packet of basil seeds. "Can I answer any questions?"

This tour, and it takes about 10 minutes, happens 15,000 times over the next 10 days. Owing to a theatrical regimen prescribed by Peter DiPrinzio '13, the team is well drilled on its talking points. After the house left campus, the students taped out the floor plan in a dance studio and practiced delivering the script, which comes with an exhaustive, 19-page FAQ.



On VIP day, Vermont's congressional delegation stops by. "You don't win rhetorical battles about science in Congress," says Representative Peter Welch. "This is the way we're going to make progress." Jesse Catalano emerges from another room with a foreign television crew behind him; he's wearing a lapel mic and speaking rapid Italian. A few days later, Energy Secretary Steven Chu stops by to see the place, Secret Service in tow.

Weekdays, hundreds of waist-high elementary school students arrive, worksheets in hand, questions at the ready. A six-year-old pauses to ask Kris Williams '11, lead fund-raiser, "What intellectual skills were you able to identify with this project?" A covey of middle school girls begs Phil Gordon '11 to perform his verse from "Midd Kid," which they watched, like a million times, on YouTube.

Spring-Summer-Fall 2010

After being accepted into the Decathlon in April, the team moved from concept and ideation to the blocky drawings to life. "We had the potential to cost the College a lot of money," said Jopek. "And the potential to make ourselves look silly."

Spring term ended, but a dozen of the team's core stayed on for the summer, moving into the Homer Harris Farmhouse and bringing with them a mélange of cheap furniture (as well as a kitten named Frizby Bixby). They decorated the walls with trace-paper drawings and sprawling to-do lists. Back rooms became computer labs and editing studios. Laptops and coffee-stained blueprints covered every available workspace. A single window AC unit labored valiantly in the midsummer humidity.

The tasks were daunting—design a website from scratch, launch a $500,000 fund-raising appeal, draw up a safety manual—and the learning curve steep. As the students learned to navigate advanced architectural software, write solicitation letters to major donors, and parse schematics for thermal-comfort systems, victories could feel small and frustrations massive. Too, the team needed a new name. Appalachian State University had also called their design the Solar Homestead, and Middlebury had agreed to rename its entry.

It wasn't until an after-work dip at a local swimming hole that the team hit on the idea of "self-reliance," which seemed to capture both the home's traditional roots and the team's do-it-yourself ethos. "Insist on yourself; never imitate," wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson in an 1841 essay on that very subject. "Where is the master who could have taught Shakespeare?" Think independently. Reject blind conformity. Challenge convention. The name stuck.

Before the summer was out, the team had finalized Self-Reliance's floor plan and intricately joined post-and-beam structure. Going into the fall semester, with plans due to be delivered to the DOE just before Thanksgiving, the team needed only to translate their decisions into a set of blueprints and a construction manual.

And then, less than three weeks before the November 23 deadline, a year's worth of collaborative work was turned on its head. Just before class on a Tuesday, Godine, along with lead architects Baisch and Wyatt Komarin '12, asked to speak with Kerz-Murray and Nelson privately. "We were just hitting certain details that we couldn't figure out," Baisch told me. Godine had realized that, owing to "first-idea inertia," the house was facing major structural problems, engineering impossibilities, and massive cost overruns. The bedrooms were closet-sized. The hydrothermal array was shoehorned in. And the post-and-beam structure that they'd designed would need to be broken into 20 pieces for transport.

The architecture leads had come up with a radical remedy, but Kerz-Murray and Nelson insisted they propose the idea to the entire class, "which could have gone either way."

When the team got together, the room was tense; tempers and frustrations were running hot. The group project now felt like anything but. Katie Romanov '11, communications lead, recalled, "People were like, 'What do you mean? Where was I when this decision was made? And how do you possibly expect that we can finish all of this in time for the submission?' It was a real struggle."

One student, Godine saw, had titled his notes, "Meeting from Hell." Details that had been labored over for months were now irrelevant. Shane Scranton '12 and Eric Fendik '12, the lead

modelers, had nearly finished creating blueprints for the original design. Much of their work would be scrapped. "It put a lot of work on their shoulders," said Baisch. "But it simplified so much that Shane said, 'Go for it. It's going to be easier to rebuild a new house than to push forward.'"

Not all concerns were so easily resolved. Kerz-Murray and Nelson were less than thrilled that a small group was orchestrating big changes behind closed doors. The fund-raising team worried about how donors would react to such a dramatic overhaul. They'd spent a year selling the old house, and now all of their models, renderings, and literature were useless. They'd even need a new logo. To alumni giving thousands of dollars to the project, would they look irresponsible, or even deceitful?

The Great Revision, as it was called, also exposed troubling gender lines on the team. Architecture firms are notoriously male dominated, and Self-Reliance's was no different. The previous summer, Romanov had been the only female among a dozen men in the leadership ranks. It was hard not to feel marginalized. "We ended up having a big talk about how to be a girl on a boys' team."

Astrid Schanz-Garbassi '12, one of the first to join the team, was abroad during the Revision, but she counseled several friends as discontent simmered. "Naturally, there are some people whose ideas get put to the front," but many female students "felt like it was a huge struggle to have that input." Several saw their work consistently ignored. A few, she said, came away thinking, "Well, maybe design just isn't for me."

The male privilege that plagued the group wasn't necessarily malicious, Romanov told me: "They just didn't *get* it." When I put the question to Melissa Segil '11, who emerged as a team leader at about this time, she dodged it slyly. "Maybe I'm biased in thinking that things could have been easier, or better, or different, if we'd had more women involved."

Bendheim acknowledged that "some people were very alienated by the Revision," but then shock and frustration quickly gave way to urgency. If they missed the deadline, they'd forfeit a $30,000 cash installment from the DOE and invite concerns from Old Chapel. Through a combination of late night conversations, dining hall coffee, and hours spent bathed in the glow of computer screens, they finished the materials in time.

In December, as Godine and a few others prepared to spend winter break on campus, he penned a letter to the team, reflecting on the experience. "What no one has said yet, but what is at least partially true, is that I am responsible for the failings of the pre-Revision design. I admit to this and I apologize." He continued, "In retrospect it seems obvious that we should have started with [our] limitations and gone from there, but sweet, ignorant enthusiasm was the spirit at the time (and this included me)."

September 22, 2011

On the day that metered competition begins in Washington, the heat pump breaks. "E6," reads the LCD screen. In four hours, Decathlon officials will set up temperature and humidity monitors inside the home to see how well regulated the "comfort zone" is.

Chester Curme, the electrical lead, can consult a Mitsubishi rep over the phone, but only a student is allowed to do the actual repair work. "Dude, what is a 232 to outdoor unit?" Godine asks Aaron Kelly. "And how big is a 14-gauge wire?"

Kelly considers. "I don't think the electrical supply is the problem. It could be the circuit breakers." Or perhaps some wires came loose while the team was crawling around in the ceiling, insulating the pipes. The trio goes to check.

Segil walks over to the huddle and reminds the group to *please keep smiling*, as long as they're standing on the porch.

Persnickety electronics aside, spirits are high. The jury tours go just as rehearsed. The architects seem taken with the materiality of the home. When an engineer asks Chester Curme about a piece of hardware, he rattles off the exact model number, "PEADA36AA," without blinking. And as a market-appeal judge passes Catalano on her way out the door, she whispers, "Nailed it."

The Decathlon is designed for high drama. Five of the contests are announced one afternoon, in drawn-out ceremonies that generate considerably more screaming than the Oscars. The public leader board is impossible to ignore. A spreadsheet of data is refreshed every 15 minutes, so teams can watch their positions rise or fall by thousandths of points. And the contest tasks are relentless—every evening there is a load of towels to be dried, a pot of water to be boiled, or a movie to be screened.

In the moment, it's easy to forget that one evening of a broken heat pump might cost the team 3.75 points out of 1,000. Even so, Middlebury gets off to an inauspicious start. When the affordability contest results are announced, the team is dismayed to find that the professional cost estimators have priced their home at $314,000—well over their own estimates and the Decathlon's $250,000 target. Expensive structural steel, which allowed Self-Reliance to be modular, added to the build cost.

The penalty is minimal, less than seven points, but the decision stings. From the outset, the goal was to design a home that a typical Vermont family could afford, to show that cost needn't inhibit sustainability. The team drops to seventh in the standings, and heads back to the hotel in a sour mood.

Spring-Summer 2011

Construction on Self-Reliance began over spring break, and the crew of 10 who forwent warmer climes in order to pound nails in the parking lot behind the recycling center got in a full four days of work before a snowstorm brought building to a halt.

By graduation, though, the walls had been raised and the roof trusses were waiting to be craned into place. Many of the graduating seniors walked on Sunday and by early Tuesday were back on the job site. Exams had set the team back several weeks, and Jopek knew he'd need every minute of daylight between then and August to get the house assembled.

"The College had faith that even if we didn't do it perfectly,

we'd try to do it right," he said. "And if we didn't do it right, we'd learn from our mistakes."

Earlier in the winter, following the "Great Revision," Godine had stepped aside as team manager, but continued to work full time on design and construction. Meanwhile, the team looked to Segil—a meticulous organizer who brought a quiet strength to the most frenzied meetings—to step up as team leader.

With the leadership role vacant, "there were these loose ends flying all over the place," she said later. "I was just scared that there were all of these things that weren't happening. I just sort of raised my hand."

Others gave lie to her modesty. "We needed her, far more than she'll ever admit," one student told me.

While a rotation of work crews cycled through the build site, the communications, fund-raising, and design teams were working feverishly, procuring appliances, drafting shop drawings for custom furniture, producing elaborate videos, and preparing the logistics of the Decathlon itself, now just three months away. Team members worked with College executive chef Bo Cleveland to rehearse the meals they would serve at the two competition dinner parties. (Sample menu: grilled lamb burgers stuffed with goat cheese, golden beets with lemon butter, strawberry soup with chocolate-dipped mint leaves, rhubarb iced tea.) Even after an anonymous gift of $150,000 and the dedication of the 2011 Senior Class Gift, the team still needed to raise more than $100,000 to stay on budget.

By the beginning of July, the solar panels were up and wired, the cellulose insulation pumped into every square inch of wall space.

Two weeks later, the windows and doors arrived from Germany. The installation instructions called for the use of foam—a petroleum-based product that Middlebury had so far taken great pains to avoid—to seal the area around the casing.

"Addison said, 'We've gone for so long, why use foam now?'" Gordon recalled. "Andrea suggested sheep's wool instead. We went down to Sheep Farm Road that same day." He packed the seams tightly, using a wooden shim.

Soon, the house had a heating, ventilation, and cooling system and a roof. Maple covered the exposed sheetrock walls. Tile was laid, then flooring. Every day brought a new delivery: cedar siding, hydrothermal tubes, the slate countertop. In late July, the lights in the house flickered on for the first time, and the crew began to work late into the night.

As the summer wore on and the construction work turned technical, the team relied heavily on partnerships with outside specialists. Hilary Cunningham '13, design coordinator, described working with cabinetmaker Randy Taplin to design and build the home's bookcases and kitchen fixtures.

Taplin is a master woodsmith, now retired and living in Warren, Vermont. His custom installations are well-known ("He basically made cherry cabinets big in New York City," Cunningham said), and for five weeks, Cunningham and her three-person crew spent time in Taplin's workshop, learning the basics of the trade.

For the cabinets, they used slabs of ash—often undervalued because of its two-toned coloring. As they planed and joined, he imparted bits of earned wisdom. "He taught us that the best pieces are the imperfect ones," Cunningham said.

Taplin and his wife Nancy, an artist, were so smitten with the students, that Nancy agreed to paint and donate two works of art—*Without a Sound* and *Overcast Blue*—for the house's master bedroom.

September 28, 2011

Midweek, I ride with Kerz-Murray over to Capitol Hill, where the architecture awards are being announced. "I thought they might eliminate us because we're a liberal arts school without architecture or engineering," Kerz-Murray tells me, reflecting on the submission process. "It's been a very different kind of teaching experience. I quickly realized that the students were going to develop their own syllabus."

Inside the auditorium, Catalano says he has no idea how Self-Reliance is going to score. Middlebury has one of the most restrained homes in the competition. Its strong container and conventional floor plan stand in sharp contrast to California's wormlike rhomboid, with no interior walls and a thick vinyl shell.

Appalachian State, Maryland, and New Zealand take the top three spots. The team waits in anxious silence as Baisch approaches the stage after the ceremony and receives a spreadsheet of the full results. He takes a step, pumps his fist, and raises four fingers—the team finished just one point out of third place and has jumped to sixth place in the overall standings.

Before Self-Reliance gets to hear results from the two competitions it's most eagerly awaiting—communications and market appeal—it must suffer through the ones it would rather not. Engineering, for example. "If they go for the passive idea, then we'll do pretty well," says Cunningham, as she leans against the porch rail after a long day of tours. "If they're looking for active and technological, then maybe not so well."

Ultimately, the jury isn't sold on Middlebury's passive approach. Self-Reliance finishes in 11th place, with 82 points. The disappointment is assuaged soon enough. Early the next morning, the DOE comes back with a revised cost estimate from the affordability contest. After reviewing Middlebury's appeal, Self-Reliance's estimated build cost has been lowered to just $282,570. The point gain is minimal, but the moral victory is sweet, all the same.

With just two days of competition left, Godine is now fixated on the home's energy balance. A string of cloudy days has left Self-Reliance using slightly more energy than it's capable of producing.

The meter shows the house pulling electricity from the grid. Worse, Middlebury's main competitors have larger PV arrays and will have an easier time earning full points. He and Brown spend several hours crunching numbers and debating competition strategy. Is it worse to lose "comfort zone" points or blow the energy balance? Tomorrow's forecast looks grim. The spread among the top five teams is narrow. It's likely they'll have to choose.

August 2011

Less than a month before Self-Reliance would roll down to D.C., I stopped by campus for a few days. Except for a bunch of little things and a few big ones, the home was finished. Folks still rose each morning at sunrise and haunted the farmhouse headquarters until well past midnight, but the pace wasn't so frenetic.

During the past week, the team had been giving tours to local media and people from campus, and late one afternoon, Abe Bendheim led Liz Robinson '84, who had graciously offered a converted barn on her property as summer living quarters for the recent grad, a stroll through Self-Reliance.

Stepping through the front door, she marveled at the delicate woodwork and ran her hand along the stainless steel appliances, as if she could see them in her own kitchen. "Is everything working? Any little snafus?"

"Everything works," said Bendheim, laughing. "And *nothing* runs smoothly."

He shared the story of the house through its details—the sheep's wool insulation, the tap holes in the maple desk, the barn door closets. The books were on loan from architectural studies, the canned goods from the environmental studies house. For now, everything was artfully in place. In 16 days, it would all be torn apart and on trucks, headed south.

"How do you transport this? Aren't you a little scared?"

"Oh, terrified."

They stepped outside, careful to avoid the deck's missing boards. In the twilight, the kitchen windows glowed like an invitation to stop and stay awhile.

"The struggle has been worth it," Bendheim says, almost to himself. "To have someone walk in here and say 'I can live here.'"

Catalano strolled over from the farmhouse, where he was editing one of four competition videos due the next day. There had been barely enough time to finish filming before disassembly.

I asked the pair if they thought about winning in Washington.

"Oh yeah," said Bendheim.

"*Now* we do," added Catalano.

"Once we built the house, we were like, Holy crap, we might have a chance."

"At the beginning of the completion it was like, Please, just let this thing stand up."

"Now it's like, Wait a second."

September 30, 2011

Godine decides to forge ahead with the final days of metered contests. "We did the math and knew it was more valuable, points-wise, to run the appliances." Friday, the final day of competition, breaks excellent and fair. All morning, the eMonitor shows the energy balance marching steadily back toward zero.

In sweltering midafternoon heat, Segil and I walk to the tent for the communications award. "I feel like we're going to be up on that stage," she says.

It's easy to see the criteria that go into the architecture award—the evidence of genius and failure are all around you when you step into a house for the first time. But the Decathlon is as much about *selling* a house as sketching, framing, and plumbing one, and teams are challenged to tell a story using websites, videos, and personal tours. If there is one thing Middlebury students are supposed to do well, I hear time and again, it's tell a story. By the end of the week, it feels as if the team has less a desire to win than an obligation.

When it's time to hand out the communications award, and the emcee announces third and second place, and powerhouse New Zealand isn't among them, Catalano tells me later, "I thought it was all over." Instead, the announcer calls Self-Reliance to the stage for the first time all week, and the students storm the stage. Descending from the podium awash in flashbulbs and shouts of congratulations, Catalano says, "I'm just speechless."

Back at the house, Godine is preparing for the final hours of measured contests. A wall of clouds has lurked in the western sky all afternoon and is finally rolling over the Mall. The iPad shows that the meter is still 7.8 kilowatt-hours short of net-zero. The array can produce up to 6.8 kilowatts under sunny skies, but far less under cloud cover. The sun will set at 6:53 P.M.

It would be a cliché to say that every minute counts, except in this case, it happens to be true.

October 1, 2011

The first thing that I hear when I arrive in the morning is the dejected-sounding statement: "Seventy-two minutes." Just another two hours of sun and Self-Reliance could have finished the week net-zero. As it turns out, only seven teams do, and Middlebury loses 17 points, dropping below Ohio State and California. The setback seems capricious and unfair, cosmically so. A top-five finish is now, if not impossible, then implausible. The team's mood is buoyed by the fact that it's the busiest visitor day of the competition, and there's simply no time to mope. Alumni, parents, and students pack the house. The College chartered a fan bus from Middlebury, which arrived late last night, bringing with it an estimable cheering section.

Later that afternoon, at a College reception, President Liebowitz lifts his glass to the team and the valuable skills they've learned in two years of working together, including "ego containment" and collaboration.

Nelson takes the podium and articulates what Liebowitz and others at Middlebury have been saying for several years. "This is really going to change the way we educate at Middlebury. A group came along and said, 'Hey, we need to do things differently. We're looking at the future, and the skills we're learning and the ways we interact with professors . . . We need a little bit more hands-on.'"

Professor Noah Graham, who worked at a software start-up before turning to academia, later echoed this assessment. "If a student wants to just study physics, go on to grad school, and become a physicist, that's absolutely great—but there are a lot more permutations of how career paths are going to go."

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Class Action

SAY WHAT? Bill Deacon '91 has made a business out of selling T-shirts bearing quotes from movie classics. Photograph by David B. Moore

Shirt Tales

Muze Clothing boasts that it's "Wearing Out Movie Quotes."

By Daniel Roberts '09

It's a phenomenon by no means limited to Vermont: College students everywhere spend a staggering amount of time watching inane comedies with friends and quoting them to each other at parties, in class, or on the athletic field. But Bill Deacon '91 has made a career out of it.

"We had one guy on my hall in Battell South who was wealthy enough to have a TV with VCR and videotapes," says Deacon. He laughs at the thought of how quickly things changed, how today everyone can push a DVD into a laptop. "So we watched movies constantly; they were always playing." Films like *Top Gun, Raising Arizona,* and *Caddyshack* "provided the soundtrack to my college years," he adds.

Deacon, who grew up in Gardner, Massachusetts—one of those "just outside of Boston" origins—is the founder and CEO of Muze Clothing, which sells T-shirts bearing movie quotes. Muze makes 200 varieties of shirts and is constantly adding new ones, with everything from "Hickory 15" (a *Hoosiers* reference) to "Make me a bicycle, clown" (*Wedding Crashers*) emblazoned on the chest. Muze manufactures all of its shirts in Arizona, near company headquarters, and boasts a strong line of celebrity endorsers, including Ryan Seacrest, ESPN's Erin Andrews, and NFL quarterbacks Mark Sanchez and Tony Romo.

The company's next step involves expanding beyond apparel, and the executive team is confident, thanks to watching Muze sales double for three consecutive years. Deacon will launch a "movie-quote database" website that he hopes will become the online authority in what is already a competitive market.

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My Boy Is Wicked Smaht
—Good Will Hunting

That an English major from Massachusetts ended up the CEO of an apparel company in Scottsdale, Arizona, was a surprise to many. After graduating from Middlebury, Deacon planned to attend law school at Arizona State University. "That was that; we all expected him to be a lawyer," says his sister Sandra, a professor at Boston University's undergraduate business program.

But when Deacon arrived in the Southwest—quotes from *Raising Arizona* swimming through his head—he decided to defer law school for a year in order to establish residency, believing it would make his three years at ASU much cheaper. That was the plan, at least. Soon enough, though, bartending and waiter gigs at the Phoenician hotel led to a role there as director of restaurant sales. "They were looking for a young, hungry kid willing to put in hours and

CHARITY PROFITS
Muze Clothing has partnered with several charities that see proceeds from T-shirt sales coming their way.

Photograph by David B. Moore

hours a week for very little money," he says. In turn, that led to a marketing job at Morton's Steakhouse.

At Morton's, Deacon's easygoing attitude made him a hit with the restaurant's clients and partners. After a few years, he had created a network of people that he figured might support him in a business venture. In 2000, 31-year-old Deacon left Morton's and

opened his own restaurant, Foster's.

Foster's, a New England-style seafood restaurant, had a strong, six-year run. The place attracted regulars, created a real culture, and served up clam chowder to tanned Arizonans. But it was exhausting work. "If you want to work twice as hard for half as much," says Deacon, "you work in a restaurant. It really is grueling." In late 2005, Deacon sold the building that housed Foster's. His plan was to start Foster's again in a new location, but there was something else on his mind as well.

Deacon and Mark Dimond '89, once a sales manager with the "Life is good" brand, had tossed around the idea of creating an apparel company, and they were searching for a designer. During a round of golf with Michael Sims '00, Deacon learned that Sims's brother Sean, a Syracuse graduate, was a prominent T-shirt designer in New York. Making him the Muze designer was a no-brainer. Deacon had found his core team. In 2006, he flew to Boston to meet with Dimond and the Sims brothers. That weekend, they came up with the company name and chose the first 20 movie quotes they'd put on shirts.

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If You Ain't First, You're Last
—Talladega Nights

LONG BEFORE THAT TRIP, Deacon had contemplated the idea of marketing movie quotes. "Every time I watched *SportsCenter,*" he recalls, "I'd hear them saying six of the same movie quotes my friends and I loved from college, and I always thought, why isn't anybody acknowledging this?" In 2004, the brainstorming began in earnest when Deacon and his friend Jeremy Roenick, a hockey legend who played in the NHL for two decades, were hanging out in California at the World Series of Golf. "We were just playing games, drinking, having fun like we usually do," says Roenick, who adds that he and Deacon are "big golf guys and big movie buffs." The conversation turned to business, and they sketched out what would later become, in 2006, Muze Clothing.

He stresses that he wants Muze to do more than throw funny quotes onto shirts.

In addition to Deacon, Dimond, and Sims, another alum, Matt Bonner '91, is involved and will head up the new website business, moviequoter.com. That partnership was conceived at the classmates' 20-year reunion last summer as the two sat in Adirondack chairs outside Mead Chapel. Deacon told Bonner about the success he was having with Muze. Then, says Bonner, "I played a gig at 51 Main, drank a bunch of beers with Bill, and we decided to meet at Logan Airport after the reunion." They met outside security in Terminal E before Deacon's flight back to Phoenix. They realized they had a perfect fit: Muze was looking to carve out a space online beyond the retail site, and Bonner had worked with Web start-ups in music development. "It was like somebody fired a starting gun," Bonner says.

Moviequoter.com will enter a private alpha phase in early 2012 and within the year will launch to the public. "If movie quotes are a language," says Deacon, "we want to be the *Oxford English Dictionary* of when and how to use them." He stresses that he wants Muze to do more than throw funny quotes onto shirts, but also to be an authority in how and when to use certain quotes, when it's funniest to cite a line from *The Hangover* (which he calls an "instant classic") and when to go with *Good Will Hunting*.

Muze wasn't immediately profitable—"Launching any brand right before the economic Armageddon of 2008 was not the best situation," Deacon admits—but Deacon is pleased with where the company is headed. He points to the sales figures for the past three years, of course, but also to the partnerships that he's made with a number of charities, including the Wounded Warrior Project, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and the ALS Association. Says his sister, who invites Deacon to speak to her business management class at BU each year: "He's a great model to [my students] . . . [showing] that you can create a company, but it's a major challenge, too. The celebrity involvement is obviously interesting to them, but also the charity piece. It's so important to teach them about business ethics and giving back."

As for law school, well, let's just say that that idea is still on hold.

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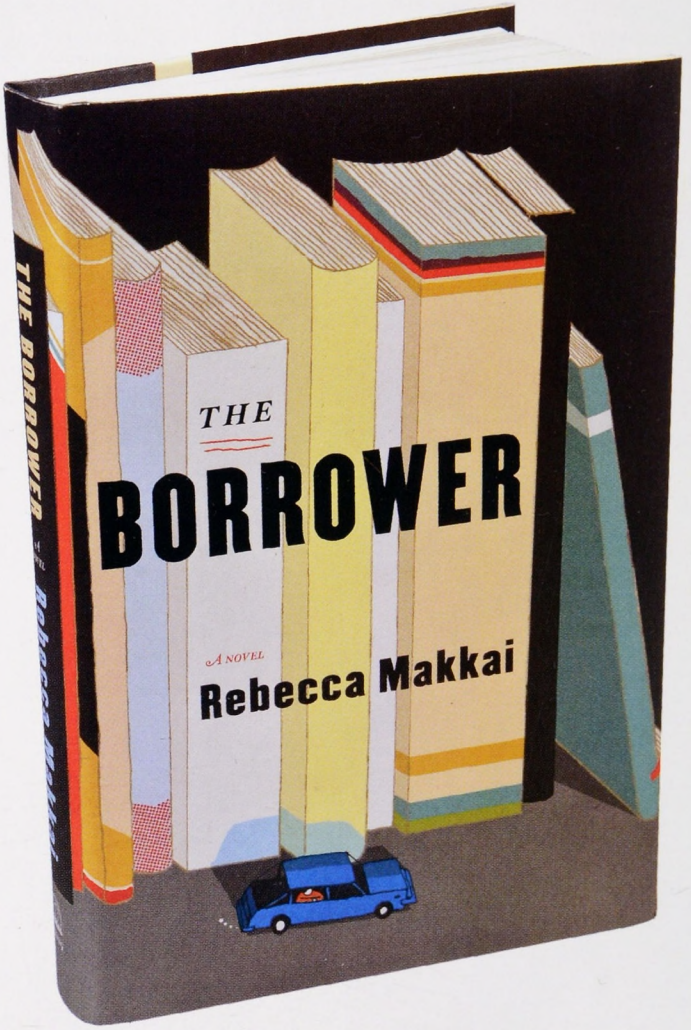
Flight of Fancy

A children's librarian and a bookworm decide to run away.

By Elisabeth Crean



David Copperfield opens with the intrepid orphan wondering "whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life." In *The Borrower* (Viking, 2011), children's librarian Lucy Hull begins by confessing the opposite. "I might be the villain of this story," she concedes. "Even now, it's hard to tell." With this cheeky allusion to one of literature's most famous first lines, author Rebecca Makkai, MA English '04 signals that storytelling itself shapes how her characters try to understand their world.

Recent college grad Lucy, 26, has taken the library job primarily to reject any help from her father, a wealthy Russian immigrant living in Chicago. But fleeing to the remote Midwestern town—"Let's call the scene of the crime Hannibal, Missouri," she fibs—doesn't stop her from obsessing over dramatic family lore. Narratives of escape and rescue filled her childhood. Centuries of scholar-warrior ancestors fought Good versus Evil under Tsarist and Soviet tyrants; the family crest is a "book in right hand, severed head on pike in left."

Even though Lucy has deliberately fled her father's orbit, her work with classic children's literature reinforces similar themes. The behavior of characters from Huck Finn and the Wizard of Oz intrigues her almost as much as her most imaginative pint-sized patron, Ian. At 10, Ian is already a voracious bookworm and regular attendee at Lucy's story hours. But his uptight fundamentalist mother strictly limits what Ian is allowed to read: only "books with the breath of God in them."

Lucy's First Amendment hackles bristle. She starts sneaking age-appropriate—but also forbidden—books to Ian by letting him borrow them under her library card. As Ian grows increasingly moody, Lucy learns that the child is attending sessions with a 'Pray-Away-The-Gay' pastor. Ian's bookishness and sensitivity and lack of aptitude or interest in contact sports have apparently triggered his homophobic parents' early warning sirens.

As Lucy sees the bright child deteriorate, she seethes. "Like a good Russian, I wanted to break into Pastor Bob's house and poison him," she muses. "Like a good American, I wanted to sue somebody. But like a good librarian, I just sat at my desk and waited."

Until one morning Lucy arrives to open the library and finds Ian camping out there. He has a hobo knapsack and a sort-of plan for running away. All the stories that Lucy has been raised on—tales "of Russian revolutionaries and refugees," of Huck, of Dorothy and her crew—color how she views what follows: an impromptu, cross-country road trip with Ian.

Did Lucy kidnap a 10-year-old library patron? Or was she actually kidnapped by him? It's all in how each character perceives the story.

On the combined budget of a librarian and a fifth-grader, the duo doesn't get far without seeking help from Lucy's dad. The fresh cash infusion allows them to resume Ian's evolving scheme: to reach his grandmother in Vermont.

Makkai movingly sketches complicated parenting relationships: the permanent but ever-changing link between exuberant father and reluctant daughter, the temporary but life-changing connection between accidental guardian and wounded child. Each character is memorably drawn, and their relationships unfold in unexpected ways.

The plot is a little far-fetched in the age of Amber Alerts, omnipresent security cameras, and the Internet. Gone for 10 days, the odd couple travels major highways in Lucy's easily identifiable car, using ATMs and cell phones. But Makkai transports us into the stories her characters believe about themselves. And somehow we find ourselves eager to drift on their Mississippi, to follow their yellow brick road.

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QUIRKY CHARACTERS, verbal acrobatics, and a humorous take on some of life's sadder moments. These are just a few of the things that seem to make Joan Connor, MA English '84 tick in her most recent collection of stories called *How to Stop Loving Someone* (Leapfrog Press, 2011). And they are also the very things that will keep you flipping the pages.

Connor enjoys language, and that is abundantly—if exhaustingly—illustrated throughout the book. Her turns of phrase and circuitous wordplay create an engaging platform for inviting the reader into the story. From highly unusual analogies to tongue-rolling alliteration and assonance, Connor draws on our imaginations to draw us into the tale. "The continent is shrinking around me like a polyester costume washed one too many times," she writes in "If It's Bad It Happens To Me." And Muriel, the main character in "The Writing on the Wall," can slip by unnoticed because she "moves as smooth as an ice cube melting."

Connor also seems to harbor a certain fascination for the darkly ironic. Two potential lovers are magnetically and compassionately drawn to an injured fox yet miss the opportunity to connect with each other in "The Fox"; a long-distance friendship fails miserably to become anything more than a sad and emotionally vacant tryst in "What It Is"; and a phone number relisted under the name William Butler Yeats leads to one man's forlorn contemplation of the world through the lines of the dead Irish poet in "The Folly of Being Comforted." In Connor's world, night doesn't simply fall; it plummets.

In "Palimpsest," Connor makes a metaphor of her title on so many levels it can be hard to keep up—she portrays the old mill town in the story as "nestled in the corner of a riparian confluence" but now finding "its geographic situation anachronistic." And later she describes the main character, Caspar Weems, as "a solitary man, serious, sedulous about obituary writing" who had "studied the styles and tones of other funereal columns with artistic perspicacity, noting the range from the lugubrious to the lurid, from the lachrymose to the laudatory, from the solemn to the silly." If she doesn't send her readers to the dictionary at least once during each story, they're not reading closely enough.

Throughout the collection, there's an urgency to Connor's writing that pulls the reader along. Whether it's the rhythmic cadence of her words or the relentless twists of fate facing her characters, there's a sense of expectation and hope that demands the turning of the page. The title story, which comes near the end of the book, is in itself a perfect encapsulation of the collection. "How To Stop Loving Someone: A Twelve Step Program" recounts the downward spiral of a melodramatic and self-conscious narrator. It's written in steps, dutifully luring you from "first" to "twelfth," only to confront you at the bitter and downtrodden end with this: "return to step one" and "repeat the above." Because, after all, that's exactly how life works.

—Blair Kloman, MA English '94

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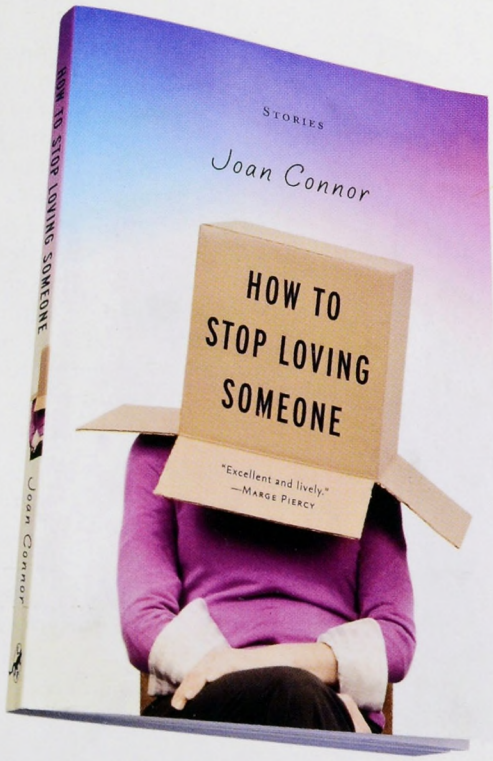

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■ *Fading Memories from a Vermont Hillside* (Shires Press, 2010) by ROBERT '73 AND WILLIAM BADGER

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■ *Swimming in the Daylight: An American Student, a Soviet-Jewish Dissident, and the Gift of Hope* (Skyhorse Publishing, 2011) by LISA PAUL, RUSSIAN SCHOOL '83

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Funding this internship is particularly rewarding because it creates **immediate value for the student,** for Middlebury, and for the City of New York.

—Roxanne McCormick Leighton '67, Donor, New York City Parks Internship funding

Interns are remarkable—this summer we had five from Middlebury. They rejuvenate the spirit at a busy time for us. Our work has a strong environmental focus, and Middlebury is such a crackerjack institution when it comes to environmental sciences and students who understand the connection between people and land.

—Adrian Benepe '78, P'09, P'13, Commissioner, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation

This internship is a dream come true. I'm a political science major and **never could have learned in class what I have learned here** about how a large government agency works.

—Addison DiSesa '12, Intern, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation

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THE MIDD

THE MIDDLEBURY NETWORK connects students and alumni to opportunities around the world. Through the Center for Education in Action (EIA), alumni, parents, and friends of the College offer advice on careers, provide student internships and other experiential learning opportunities, fund internships, and recruit graduates for positions in their companies.

We are grateful to everyone who has helped our students and alumni achieve success. If you'd like to become active in the Middlebury network, EIA staff members would be glad to talk with you about ways to help.

To learn more, visit go.middlebury.edu/middnetwork.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

National Geographic's mission is to inspire people to care about the planet. Aly's language skills, studies in geospatial technology, extensive travel in the Middle East and South America, and extraordinary motivation and curiosity made her a very good match. I knew she could fit in here and the benefit was very much mutual. **We need people with skills and motivation like hers.**

—Daniel Beaupré, Director of Education Partnerships, National Geographic

The National Geographic Society is one of the largest nonprofit scientific and educational institutions in the world.

Through my internship at National Geographic **I achieved a childhood dream,** met a ton of inspiring people, and had the experience of a lifetime. It affirmed my passion for cartography and inspired me to apply to the best graduate schools in the country. I would love to return to National Geographic in a more permanent position.

—Aly DeGraff '10.5, 2011 Geography Intern for National Geographic Live and current Compton Mentor Fellow

NETWORK

KEEFE, BRUYETTE & WOODS (KBW)

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods is a global, full-service investment bank that specializes in the financial services sector.

The network is really important. I interviewed with a Midd alum from KBW and found a job I've stayed with for 25 years. We recruit regularly at Middlebury. It's competitive, but **Midd students typically rise to the top** of our recruiting class thanks to their intelligence, energy, and people skills.

—Tom Michaud '86, CEO and President, KBW

I interviewed Tom Michaud for a job at KBW. It's been 25 years, but I can still see Tom across the table from me in Adirondack House. **I'm very proud of what he's accomplished** over his career at KBW.

—John Wright '79, P'06, P'08, Principal, SKY Investment Group

THE ALLIANCE FOR CLIMATE EDUCATION (ACE)

ACE is a new, national nonprofit that educates America's high school students about climate science and inspires them to take action.

We like to hire Middlebury grads because they're mentally tough. They can go out and test things. Sometimes they're successful; when they fail, they pick themselves up and try again. They're up for the challenge.

—Michael "Pic" Walker '93, Executive Director, ACE

We've found time and again that Middlebury people had a great passion for their work and the ability to do it well. **I relied on my Midd network** to get this organization started and I'm super grateful for that.

—Blakely Atherton '92, Senior Director and Advisory Board Member, ACE

CHRISTIE'S

The Ron Brown '62 Summer Internship Program Fund enabled me to work with the Singapore Art Museum while interning with Christie's. **This led me to be hired** by the National Arts Council and to obtain a curatorial position with the museum.

—Jason Toh '01, Senior Curator, Singapore Art Museum

Internships are the key to getting into art-market professions. Interns with major auction houses are put on a rotation and get to see every part of the operation. If you've interned with them and they like what you've done, you're the inside candidate.

—John Hunisak, Professor of History of Art and Architecture, Middlebury College

Every January we host the senior art history majors for a career seminar. We gather the Middlebury alums who work at Christie's to talk about their backgrounds, what they do here, and how they got here. I know that the **Middlebury faculty requires students to think critically** and communicate clearly and concisely. Those are fundamental skills that we look for in the people we bring to Christie's.

—Paul Provost '87, Deputy Chairman, Christie's

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A note from the editor: I was curious as to what people from this class were doing during the year after graduating from the College. Here are some examples from the September 1935 *News Letter.* "**Philip Mathewson** has a position with Thompson's Spa in Boston, located at their main restaurant on Washington Street. **Faith Arnold** and **Joseph Jackson** are abroad on Dutton Fellowships. Miss Arnold is studying at the University of London. Mr. Jackson is at Cambridge, England. **Pembroke Nims** is doing advertising work at the Middlebury Register Company. **Dorothy Gray** will assist in the Physical Education Department of the Women's College at Middlebury. **Suzanne Treillet** and Laurence LaBounty '34 are married and live in West Chazy, N.Y. **Lester Benson** is teaching in the Bolton Landing, N.Y., High School. **Dorothy Canfield** is a social worker in Madison, N.J." What did you do after graduation?

—Class Correspondent: *Alma Davis Struble, 147 West State St., Room 208, Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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A note from the editor: As with the Class of 1935, I went to the Middlebury College *News Letter* to see what members of this class were doing after graduation. Here is a sampling from the December 1936 issue: "**John Holmes** has a position as claim adjuster for the Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Co. His headquarters are in Rutland. **Jeannette Platt** has been appointed to the faculty of the Searles High School, Great Barrington, Mass. **Martin Tierney** is a chemist with the United States Rubber Company chemical plant at Naugatuck, Conn. **Eleanore Cobb** is studying for her master's degree at Mills College, Oakland, Calif. **John Nash** has a position as coach in the department of athletics at Middlebury College. **Howard Cady** has accepted a position with Josten's Treasurecraft Jewelry Concern." If you'd like to write and tell us what you were doing right after graduation, you can send it to Sara Marshall, 152 College St., Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

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REUNION CLASS

I'm sorry to report the death of Robert Scott, who was the husband of **Dottie Mathison Scott**. We made him an honorary member of our class at our 50th reunion after Dottie did so much work for the reunion and he was a good sport about it. During WWII he served in New Guinea and the Philippines. He and Dottie were married on May 13, 1944, and he spent his career in the investment field. After retiring, he enjoyed spending winters in Vermont with daughter Joanne '75 and her family and skiing at the Snow Bowl. Dottie predeceased him in 2003. Survivors include son R. Douglas Scott, daughter Joanne Scott and husband John Rubright, and their sons, Gregory and Jonathan. Our sympathy goes to all of them. ✳ The College sent me a copy of an article in the March 1937 *News Letter* about Winter Carnival that year. As reported by the late **Randall Hoffmann**, "President Moody knelt gracefully before the King and Queen [**Janet Gray** and **Randall Hoffmann**] Thursday night at the Coronation Pageant, and the Carnival was on. From then on a panorama of colorful indoor and outdoor sports swept across the campus carrying a mob of appreciative merry makers through the realms of musical comedy, costume balls, and up into the sobering sweeps of Lincoln-Warren Pass." With only an inch and a half of snow, the ski events were moved to the Pass although enough snow could be packed on the ski jump on Chipman Hill for jump-ability. New Hampshire was the ski winner for men and the Middlebury women did well in the "Women's Jubilee," ski and snowshoe games held on New Chapel hill. Friday night brought *Bavarian Night*, an original musical comedy written and produced by students, and Saturday night a record-breaking crowd of well over 1,000 thronged into the gym for "Klondike Rush," an ultra-informal dance. KDR fraternity won the snow-sculpture cup, with DKE as honorable mention.

—Class Correspondent: *Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

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In a letter from **Jennie Belle Perry Barr** she wrote, "My life in a senior facility is unexciting but interesting. Also it's very close to one of my sons. My oldest son lives in California and I lost my youngest three years ago. Tom lives close by and I see him often. My health is excellent and I'm kept well occupied." Jennie Belle lives in Boca Raton, Fla. Thank you very much, Jennie Belle, for your letter. ✳ I recently saw a news article about **Bob Matteson** in the *Bennington Banner*. He was this year's celebrated honoree for the sixth annual Living History Day in North Bennington, Vt., on August 28. He was going to share history through his stories, which were going to become a valued time capsule for the community. The article said, "Matteson is a familiar face in town. His antiques business on South Street and his myriad of public offices have kept him in the limelight for many of his 95 years. He is affectionately referred to as the 'Geezer Gazelle' because of his passion for running, which has earned him many awards and notoriety and taken him all over the globe. He has been quoted as saying he likes to exercise his legs as well as his mind." The local Batten Kill Valley Runners group has named an award after him, which goes to an athlete at the local high school who shows Bob's best characteristics: tenacity, dedication, determination, goal orientation, and maintaining a sense of humor in the face of defeat.

—Class Correspondent: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 100 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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I'm sorry to report the passing of **Bill Stoops** in April. Early on a friend and a coworker suggested that Bill go to college at Middlebury, which he did and he loved it. He joined the Deke fraternity and waited tables to help with expenses. He remembered walking up the hill to the chapel. He also skied in the mountains and took up golf, which became a lifelong passion. He loved billiards and lawn bowling. He always talked about college as being one of the best times of his life. After graduating Bill served as a navigator in the Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1945. During his life he gave of himself to others as a Big Brother, a literacy tutor, and a driver for Meals on Wheels. He often told others about the trip he and I and a couple of other students took in a Model A Ford that I drove in the middle of the winter without a roof. He was a generous supporter of the College. ✳ **Irene Fernandez Anderson** writes, "I am fine and keep busy playing bridge, dining, and entertaining my daughters-in-law who come frequently as do the sons and grandchildren. Every few weeks I get driven to Arlington, Va., to be with my older son and family and enjoy time with some of my dear Marine wives."

—Class Correspondent: *A. Roger Clarke (arogerclarke@aol.com), 7 Rundel Park, Rochester, NY 14607.*

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Ed Reichert responded to **R.C. Anderson**'s request for memories and notes with the following: "This is the way it was during the last year of college at Middlebury and the first year before our engagement with Japan and Germany. As students, our first obligation was to complete our required courses in order to justify the degree that we entered Middlebury to obtain. But the Battle of Britain, the destruction of London and other cities, and the defeats inflicted on our undeclared allies in North Africa were a continuing picture in our minds. So we performed our duties, enjoyed our associations, and started on our paths to the uncertain future with the knowledge that we would inevitably become involved in the conflict already in progress. In my case, I enlisted in the Navy in January 1941, deferring actual duty until June when the officer training program took me to Pier 97 on the Hudson River for new studies involving navigation, gunnery, and seamanship, all conducted aboard an old Navy ship that had been converted to a classroom with living quarters below deck. Following commissioning in September, I was sent to a new billet, which involved the use of radar to detect, track, and intercept enemy aircraft. At this time radar was almost unknown to the U.S. Navy and much of our information came from the British experience in the Mediterranean and English Channel waters. On graduation, many of us went to aircraft carriers and fleet battleships that still had not been given this equipment. My ship, the USS *Texas*, was the first naval ship in the Atlantic fleet to get a radar and so I 'grew up' with it from then on until December 7, and for what it's worth, for the next four years, which included Omaha Beach, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa." Ed added some personal notes about senior year: "My memories of the last year of college include a constant chase to keep the NYA payroll records and a very pleasant association with the Dean's office that went with it, a constant but losing battle with Math of Finance (!), a lovely relationship with Priscilla, and our

usually losing hockey team." ✷ **Frankie Cornwall Hutner** also sent a memory: "One evening, just before the end-of-term exams started, we were sitting in the Starr Library's reserve reading room, concentrating diligently on the books and articles we should have read before. The room was filled. Suddenly the door at the top of the three stairs that led into the room opened. We looked up. Standing there was our football captain, class president, and an easy candidate for one of our favorite class members, **John Stabile**. His hair was combed over his forehead, his arms were akimbo, his expression made him seem not quite all there, and he looked for all the world like one of humankind's prehistoric ancestors. Startled, we stared in absolute silence. Then all at once, the whole room erupted with gales of laughter. We laughed and laughed. The relief from our anxious bout of studying was palpable. I've never forgotten the image of Stabile on the stairs of the reserve reading room. It was a thoughtful gift of humor to us all." ✷ We'd love to hear more memories from our years at the College. If you have any to share, send them to me (**Loring**). For example, tell us your best Winter Carnival memory or who your favorite professor was or what you remember about the football team.

—Class Correspondent: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.*

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Correspondent **Margaret Shaub** reports: Co-correspondent **Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard-Ovens** affirms that she and her husband are happy at Preswick Glen, a retirement community that offers programs of all kinds. She has joined a writers' group and also plays bridge twice a week. ✷ Poems by **Jean Connor** were featured in the fall in several concerts in Burlington and other venues in Vermont. Erik Nielsen, a Vermont composer, has set 10 of Jean's poems to music, seven of which were used in these programs along with works by two other Vermont poets. Music was performed by a 12-member professional chorus, a quintet of strings, a mezzo-soprano soloist, and a pianist. Referring to Jean's poems, composer Nielsen said, "Jean's work is not only beautiful, sensitive poetry, but she herself is a joy. At 92, she is in many ways sharper than I and has been invaluable in her ideas for promoting this set of concerts." Additional pieces by Nielsen using Jean's poetry were also performed by the Social Band, an a cappella chorus in the Burlington area. ✷ **Sally Martenis Townsend** writes that after 67 years in Meriden, N.H., they sold their home and are now comfortably ensconced at Harvest Hills in Lebanon, N.H. In a reminiscent mood, she recalls that freshman year she and two others hitchhiked up to Burlington and took the train back to Midd. Some wild rides they had, says Sally. She also remembers coming back to the Château after hours one night from a date with Ike '42, only to find the door locked. She threw pebbles up at her window and her roomie, the late **Barbara Mower Brown**, came down and let her in. ✷ **Barbara Wells** continues to live in her family home in Middlebury, where she remains active in the Congregational Church, as well as at the Henry Sheldon Museum, where she volunteers weekly in the research center. She still drives herself to and fro around Middlebury. ✷ **Connie Girard Brown** is getting along well at her facility in Williamsburg, Va. A bus takes them out on sightseeing trips and at home they have frequent musical entertainments and a library—in a word, all they need to make them happy. A son and a daughter live close by. She gives her best to everyone in our class and thinks about us all the time. Thank you, Connie! ✷ **Willard Littlehale** enjoys playing bridge twice a week, attending the local theater, and staying fit. He walks quite a bit, with a goal of five miles a month, and exercises a lot at home. ✷ **Ruth "Packy" Packard Jones** reports that a grandson graduated from Bucknell, and her unmarried daughter has adopted a son. Packy had a lively conversation with **Edith Grimm Miller** in Decatur, Ga., where she is happily involved in six or eight clubs. She's doing just fine and still has all her teeth! Packy has also spoken with **Ginny Brooks Hutton** at The Ledges in Laconia, N.H. Right now Ginny is very much into computers. ✷ Reunion attendee **Merritt Garland** finds his chief source of exercise at his camp. He still attends medical meetings occasionally. He says he greatly enjoyed reunion, especially singing in the choir! ✷ Sadly we report the passing of three more classmates, **Eunice Bory Decker** on August 1, **John Albert** on August 18, and **John Collins** on October 4. We send our condolences to their families. ✷ As for me, **Shaubie**, I continue to play the piano at various retirement communities, sing in two choirs, and generally manage to stay out of trouble.

—Class Correspondents: *Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard-Ovens, 22 Inverness Dr., Apt. I-116, New Hartford, NY 13413; Margaret Shaub, 159 Village Green Dr., Apt. 2, So. Burlington, VT 05403.*

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REUNION CLASS

We're sorry to report about classmates that have passed away. We learned **Margaret Grant Eades** died in 2007. And **Peter Stanlis** passed away on July 18. A frequent contributor to our class notes, Peter often attributed his successful career to the education he received at Middlebury and at the Bread Loaf School of English. While studying at Bread Loaf, he spent many hours conversing with Robert Frost and subsequently wrote several books and articles about the poet over the years. He was also a world authority on the British statesman, Edmund Burke. On the occasion of the Class of 1942's 50th reunion, he wrote a poem for the class about the impact of the war ("Pearl Harbor killed our age of innocence"), college years ("Between our freshman beanies and our senior mortarboard, our college years were filled with much harmonious discord"), and reunions ("We are made most painfully aware, how limited are the times we yet may share, of our remembered youth"). An obituary will appear in a future issue. *[Ed. note: We are extremely sorry to report that Joan Calley Cooper, your correspondent, passed away on December 29. Our condolences are sent to her family.]*

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Correspondent **Jean Jordan Sheild** reports: I had an interesting chat with **Natalie Dane Richdale** recently. She stays in her cottage in Kennebunk, Maine, until the weather gets too cold. She had a very nice summer filled with visits from her four daughters and a son and their families. They go to the beach, take out the boat for fishing, and use the kayak in an inlet behind the cottage. She laughed about her son working on the roof, thinking it would be easy to repair, and as one thing led to another, it took the entire summer to get the job done! Her words of wisdom—it's so important to keep your sense of humor! She stays very active and is doing well. We found out we both lived in Watertown and Belmont, Mass., at the same time growing up! ✷ **Gertrude Lacey Thornton** reports that she is still teaching oriental brush painting twice a month. She's enjoying living in a continuing care community where she may have meals in the dining room or in her own home. Participation in exercise classes and occasional swimming keep her active. Her children take turns coming to stay for a week and they enjoy the Florida sunshine. ✷ Growing and selling Christmas trees keeps **Alice Landis Tonry** busy. She still rides the tractor and the dump truck so she says she has fun every day. Daughter Abigail and four children live nearby and in the summer they go to the ocean, which is only a few miles away from Hampton Falls, N.H., where she lives. She recalled her surprise on arriving at Hillside at Middlebury as a freshman. The pictures had portrayed a lovely bedroom complete with lamps and comfy chairs. Hillside was pretty sparse! So she and her parents went downtown and found a lamp and a few things to fix it up. Last summer she visited Middlebury and was shocked at all the new buildings, but said she looked up and there it was—the tremendous blue sky as she remembered it. ✷ **Marty Newton Van Gaasbeck** also reflected some happy memories of Hillside. She has recently moved to a different building but is in the same complex in Longmeadow, Mass. For hobbies she sews and knits mittens and also volunteers at the library. Last summer she enjoyed visiting son Robert in Yarmouthport on Cape Cod. She's thankful for her good health. She has two great-grandchildren and hopes they will go to Middlebury. ✷ Living in Dallas, Texas, seems to agree with **Yvonne Golding Weinhardt**. She has a group of 20 friends who get together for lunch every month. They either meet downtown or at her dining room in Edgemere. She also participates in exercise class three times a week and there are concerts every Tuesday. Some concerts are vocal and some are instrumental, which she enjoys a great deal. She is still close to her relatives in France. When son John wrote to a cousin telling about activities in Edgemere, he wrote back "Edgemere—magnifique!" ✷ News from **Carolyn "Cressy" Stanwood Whiting** was very upbeat. She had just got back from her summer home in South Freeport, Maine, where she stays until it gets cold. She still swims in that frigid ocean every day and is busy with family. She enjoys church activities and a book club every month. Two of her grandchildren attend Virginia Tech where one is a senior and on the soccer team. Fortunately, she is able to attend some games as she lives in Falls Church, Va. Daughter Ann attended Middlebury, Class of 1967. ✷ I received the very sad news that **Mandy Sanborne Krieble** passed away with her family by her side on August 1 in Kendal at Hanover, N.H., where she had been living with Jim for the last 12 years. Her daughter wrote that they were consoled that she had many years together with her friends and family. Mandy had been active in the Middlebury College Alumni Association and returned for reunions. We will never forget her vibrant personality and enthusiasm for activities of all kinds. ✷ **Anne Willis** still lives in her own home in Manchester, Mass., but her brother and his wife live nearby. She recalled her freshman year at Middlebury, which was very interesting. She and three other girls lived at Professor Bowker's home. They had their own apartment, which consisted of two rooms with its own entrance. Instead of having two bedrooms, they decided to put all four beds in one room and have the other room as a living room. They had to have their meals at Forest East, even their breakfasts, which was pretty harsh in the wintertime. She taught first grade for 40 years. Now she swims for exercise at Gordon College twice a week and she walks a lot. She enjoys meetings of the Women's Club every month. ✷ We were

doubly saddened to receive news of the death of **Helen "Bookie" Bouck Hildebrandt** on August 22 and of **Lenore "Putt" Wolff Eakeley** on August 24. I had talked with Bookie last spring and she was in good spirits. We waited tables together at Middlebury and she always made it fun. She was always smiling and could be depended on to cheer you up. She brought a light touch and sunshine to every day. She added so much to our class and was a loyal supporter with her attendance at reunions and in-between mini-reunions. Putt was also a close friend. I talked to her in January shortly after her stroke and she was still reading the *New York Times* every day. We both lived at Hillside our freshman year and continued together every year, so we shared many good times. A few years ago we had a mini-Midd reunion when I visited my sister in New Jersey not too far from her home in Westfield. She was always full of fun and very involved with her family. Putt took care of husband **Scott** with his failing vision for many years in spite of increasing health problems of her own—a faithful and loving helpmate. These two classmates will be long remembered and sorely missed. * Correspondent **John Gale** reports: As of September, **Roger Easton** had advanced from a rehab unit to an assisted living facility at Wheelock Terrace, 32 Buck Road, Hanover, NH 03755. Wife Barbara was planning to join him for at least the winter months. Roger reports that he's now able to get about with the aid of a walker and seemed in good spirits. Daughter Ruth lives nearby in Canaan, N.H. * **Fred Booth**, in Kitty Hawk, N.C., who reached 90 on October 5, reports that he and Faith are well. Hurricane Irene, which hit the barrier islands from the west in August, downed trees, littered their yard with tree limbs and debris, and sent water rising to within eight feet of their house but left the house undamaged. Then Tropical Storm Lee again flooded their front yard. Fred's vision in his corneal transplant eye remains fine; he now walks with a cane. * In Duxbury, Mass., **Bob Byington** continues his regular 20-minute swims daily, usually plays golf three days a week, reads widely, and maintains his interest in local, national, and world affairs. * **Harry Walch** reports that he's happy in Waldoboro, Maine, where he lives next door to his daughter. His vision is good and he reads a lot, takes short walks, and watches TV, especially following the ups and downs of the Red Sox. * **Warren Hassmer** in Truro, Mass., on Cape Cod remains well but said that Bob, his companion, had been in a nursing home rehab unit for four months following a shoulder fracture. In June, Warren hosted a tour of his gardens for the Wellfleet Garden Club, at a time when his tree peonies were in spectacular full bloom. * The death of **Steve Wilson** in Portland, Ore., on July 11, after a long period of declining health, is reported with regret. Steve was a longtime friend, a quiet man with a delightful humorous outlook on life. Sensing the coming conflict, he had spent the summers of 1940 and '41 at Marine Corps Officers Training School and was called up in April 1942. Sent to the Pacific Theater to Samoa then Guadalcanal, he was involved in the invasion of Bougainville in November 1943. Following the war, he established a successful career in book publishing then in insurance on the West Coast. Condolences have been sent to his wife, Elizabeth, who lovingly cared for him during his declining years. * The death of **Robert Bickford** on July 18 is reported with regret. Bob left Middlebury early to join the U.S. Army and was unfortunately lost to follow up by the College, so little is known of his subsequent activities.

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Mary Whitney Cassedy was celebrating her 88th birthday when we chatted with her on September 29. She was in Plainfield, N.H., in her ancestral home (which dates back to the late 1700s), with her two live-in daughters, Margaret and Ruth, and Ruth's nine-year-old twin sons. Yes, the house is ancient, but neither the house nor the family members, nor the three dogs, three cats, or (outdoors) two horses, and several chickens are in the least creaky; they live life to the full. Mary herself feels blessed with good health. Both Margaret and Ruth are teachers in local schools—following in the footsteps of their mother, who taught for many years. Mary also spent 12 years working with her town's planning board. Mary's son Dan, who lives in North Carolina, is an archaeologist, employed by an international engineering firm. His son and daughter are in their 20s and his son is a talented linguist, whose work experience includes teaching English to middle-school-age children in Japan. His daughter is in graduate school in North Carolina, through which she will be spending considerable time abroad. Mary's youngest daughter, Kathleen (born when her siblings were teenagers), was three years old when her dad, **Dave Cassedy**, died. Kathleen now lives in Warrenton, Va., and has worked for about 10 years with a D.C. organization that deals with confidential military information. Mary continues to feel close to Middlebury (and was one of the few of us to attend our 65th reunion). She is, she says, most grateful for what she, "a country girl from New Hampshire," learned at Midd (and at her prep school, Northfield Mount Hermon) about the world in the '30s and '40s. "It was all," she says, "a mind-building experience." She likes to keep in touch, and whenever any classmate is in the mood, Mary will welcome a call. Her phone number is 603-675-6130. * **Edith Lee Beckwith** told us that Middlebury escaped much of Tropical Storm Irene's wrath last August. Otter Creek left the bridge in place. Edie, herself, received no damage. Granddaughter Brett is living with Edie while her husband, a career colonel, is spending a year in Iraq. Edie's son, Lee, lives close by and is his own blacksmith boss, designing and forging handsome iron objects as well as fitting shoes on horses. Edie misses her golf and tennis, but she's relishing workouts at Bone Builders, doing weekly exercises that are strengthening her body nicely—after two hip replacements. * **Marjorie Jolivette Manning** survived Irene's deluge in Bennington, with only some water to sump-pump out of her basement. All is well with Marmie. Her children, who love Vermont just as she does, come often to visit. As we spoke, she was anticipating the arrival of her youngest daughter, Lucia '79 (maker of beautiful jewelry), traveling from her island home off the coast of Seattle. * **Shirley West Johnson**'s husband, Leight, tells us that Shirley, who is dealing well with her Alzheimer's, is now in an assisted living home, pleasantly surrounded by her own pictures and possessions—plus her own fridge. Leight lives a short distance away, and he sees Shirl every day, usually at dinnertime and occasionally at a favorite restaurant. They were in Middlebury last summer and visited friends and some of their favorite haunts. * We're sad to say that **Jean Milligan** passed away in July, having been retired for several years from her significant career in nursing and teaching. Her studies and work took her from Yale School of Nursing to Columbia Univ. Teacher's College, the Univ. of Michigan, and 32 years at UVM. Our sympathies go out to her family, of course. * My (**Ricki**'s) son Rexford '71 recently returned from a Peace Corps assignment in Botswana, where he engaged with an ongoing HIV/AIDS program run through the Ministry of Local Government. Rex worked out of his ministry office in a large, bustling town in flat, arid land where two large rivers converge. He took occasional trips to isolated areas to assist in the coordination of HIV-related activities. He was always impressed with the great energy and creativity of young people involved in the AIDS-avoidance program and he was touched by the volunteers (mostly people living with AIDS) who helped put AIDS education in the schools. Now back from Botswana, Rex will continue to follow the lives of a host of new friends. * We (**Ricki** and **Tommy**) have had a great couple of years keeping in touch with you all, gathering news about you and your families, talking with you, recalling Midd memories—covering much more territory than we can share in these notes (sort of having mini-reunions every few months). We'd now like to give this opportunity to another class correspondent or two. Get in touch with us (or with Sara Marshall, alumni news coordinator at Midd) if this prospect appeals. Meanwhile, we'll be back in the spring.
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Can you believe that 70 years have passed since we were freshmen? I still remember not being allowed to wear lipstick for a long time and how smart the late **Hedy Hogg Boissevain** was to wear red earrings! Did the men wear beanies? Eighty-six of us have survived into our late 80s. Amazing! From 1941 to 1945 we saw many disruptions: World War II for men and women, transfers, and three graduation dates come immediately to mind. Most of us had only two years together before being scattered. Have you published your World War II experiences, or been part of such volumes? **Pat deLearie Haufler** was president of the Residents Council at Wake Robin, a CCRC in Shelburne, Vt., in 2008 when they published their stories, which probably inspired RiverWoods in Exeter, N.H., where **Robin Willits** lives, to publish theirs in 2011. Pat is represented in her volume as is Robin in his—and I will be in ours. I am president of the Residents Council at RiverMead, and inspired by both editions, we are planning for a publication date of ours in March. These publications include home-front activities as well as military experiences. Pat and I remember a required home nursing course, rolling bandages for the American Red Cross, and the fun of being part of a truckload of fellow students transported into the Champlain Valley for apple picking, singing our hearts out to and from in the camaraderie of it all. * **Robin Willits** tells it this way: "About five years ago, my wife Phyllis and I moved into RiverWoods. It's well run and has a number of positive aspects. One of these was a project to write, for publication, a short statement of our experiences during WWII. Seventy-five residents did, and RiverWoods has recently published a book entitled *The War We Knew*, a title that emphasizes how each person's experience of war can be quite different. Mine was as a pilot of a B-17 bomber, bombing Germany. It was a rather impersonal war. From a 25,000-foot altitude, we could not see, hear, nor readily visualize the explosions and

killing we were causing. Also, we were not often attacked by German fighter planes during our time in combat, the six months running up to VE day. We were more fortunate than others." ✷ **Jessie Woodwell Bush**'s husband Arch has prepared a booklet, *Memories of War,* for family distribution. He was in the Navy on an LST (landing ship, tank) on D-Day at Omaha Beach, bringing wounded back to England. We all have stories to tell. Are you writing your memoir? ✷ Seven decades later, we are survivors, enjoying family gatherings, graduations, weddings, and living out our lives. From her retirement community in Akron, Ohio, **Barbara "Baba" Boyden Wetherbee** writes that she was Dorothy in a shortened version of *The Wizard of Oz* and the next project was an old-time radio show with pretty bad (but funny) jokes. They attended a grandson's graduation from Trine Univ. in May. ✷ From Shrewsbury, Mass., **Marge Watson Haller** writes, "I'm in an independent living complex with about 150 apartments. Each night there is the cocktail hour in the lounge with an open bar and sometimes someone plays the piano. This is where everyone congregates and it's great fun. We have dinner in the dining room or the café, where the dress is informal. Many here are in their 90s and we even have a couple of 100-year-olds but most are in their 60s and 70s." Other activities for Marge include water aerobics and candlepin bowling, where she is the official scorer for a Monday league. Son Rob lives three miles away, Jim is an hour away, and Linda is in New Hampshire. ✷ **Jean "Dunnie" Dunn Nagle** checked in from her retirement community in Hingham, Mass., with an update. "Jack and I left our beloved Cape Cod in 1995 when his Parkinson's advanced to the point where I needed support from my Wellesley son and family. After his death in 1996, I spent 13 good years in Wellesley, enjoying auditing classes at the college and being part of the lives of my four growing grandsons. In 2008 I moved to Linden Ponds in Hingham. Living here is like college all over again sans tests and papers. I'm taking Lifelong Learning classes and lead the book group. At 88 I'm in good shape except for leg pain caused by a spine problem but it only hurts when I walk too much. Since my son bought a house on the Cape in Harwich I get to visit my old favorite spots and we're joined by my other son, wife, and two granddaughters from California every summer." She, too, remembers Frost speaking in the Chapel. ✷ **Nona Fife Peck**'s son, Jim, reports that she has recently moved into assisted living at Shell Point. Her new address is 2631 King's Crown Court, Fort Myers, FL 33908 and she would enjoy hearing from us. ✷ When he wrote, **Bob Clement** was closing his Clear Lake house in Kelseyville, Calif., for the colder months, having enjoyed water activities with great-grandkids, ages four to 12 years old, all summer. He is horrified by the destruction of Hurricane Irene in the East, and acknowledges his own worry sometimes about the possibility of "The Big One" (earthquake). ✷ Having seen himself mentioned in the summer notes, **Dick McCrudden** sent his own update: "I left Middlebury after a year and a half to join the 10th Mountain Division in 1943. My job was to teach rock climbing and skiing. While there I was sent to Mt. Rainier in Washington to learn to climb on glaciers. I returned and ran the ski patrol for the 85th Regiment. After that, I worked alone at night doing investigative work for the 85th during maneuvers. This wore me out and I was discharged. I returned to New Hampshire and went to UNH, receiving a BS in business administration in 1948. I went to Aspen then and worked for over 40 years for the Aspen Ski Co. When I retired, I was the administrative director of Aspen, Snowmass, and Buttermilk ski schools. I moved to Carbondale, just a few miles down the road from Aspen, about 15 years ago." A story about the 10th Mountain Division and Dick's involvement appeared in the winter 2011 UNH magazine. It told of the harsh conditions the men endured while training and the bravery of the division while fighting in Italy. ✷ We are saddened to learn of the deaths of **Muriel "Dusty" Cormack Mottola** on October 25 and **Phil Dunham** on November 10. Our sympathy is sent to their families.

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Miriam Edmunds Le Baron has left New Hampshire after 30 years on River Road and is living next door to son Rick and his wife, Joy, in Marshall, Va. Daughter Colby lives in Manassas. The move was quite an upheaval. She says she was a pack rat and that didn't help, but the move helped her to weed out. Rick and Joy have four dogs and she has two. They're all shapes and sizes, ranging from Tucker, a greyhound, to Breezy, a Boston terrier who weighs 13 pounds. Her new address is 6573 Swains Rd., Marshall, VA 20115. ✷ **Barbara Busing Harris** loved reunion and thinks Middlebury is wonderful. She was sorry she didn't have the chance to see the additions to Starr Library or the art exhibit but she did get to many of the speeches and saw the Solar Decathlon house. In August she moved back to an apartment in her retirement community's cottages and has a deck and garage again. Her new address is 37 Kinsman Dr., Laconia, NH 03246. ✷ **Lois Brigham Selnau** is still very involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution, helping prospective members document their applications and all the details that go with it. She says, "Reunion was really great and one part that made it special was to see and meet so many of our children who were responsible for getting us there! Bless all those whose husbands were with them, also! Our impromptu memorial service led by **Avery Post** was very touching and helpful. Thank you to our wonderful class, those who were there and those who were not—the final tally for 1946 was 70 percent participation! That's terrific and shows our love and commitment to our alma mater." ✷ In Florida **Joy Redfield Kluess** says she has a very pleasant neighbor, also a widow about her age. Joy attends church most Sundays where the congregation is largely made up of older people like herself. She still keeps in touch with a lifelong friend living in Connecticut, who she may see if or when she visits her two sisters. The trip is not an easy one as there are no direct flights and she has to change in Atlanta. ✷ In September **Ruth Riley Wendell** had a very happy occasion with daughter Phyllis '78 and son-in-law Mike on Lake Dunmore when they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They rented a cottage and both grandchildren, students at Middlebury, came out and brought friends. It was beautiful sunny weather and even though it was quite cold, several of the men still went swimming. She saw a lot of the devastation in southern Vermont from Tropical Storm Irene and in her town of Binghamton, N.Y., they also had damage. She had a couple of minor problems, but they were of the nuisance variety. Many lost everything. ✷ **Bette Bertschinger Saul** says it's nice to see we are all aging with great dignity. She and Ralph went on a lovely cruise in August from London to Rome and then, after our wonderful reunion, took a trip to visit their son in Amherst, Mass. They also spent a weekend on the Eastern Shore, which was delightful. She sends greetings and regards to the Class of '46. ✷ **Charles Cutting** does not have any startling news, but he is well and enjoying his 16th year at the Wake Robin retirement community in Shelburne, Vt., with his sister Doris '37. There are a lot of other Middlebury folks living there also. ✷ Tim and **Phyllis Faber Warren**'s granddaughter, Jessica Kyle '03, has provided them with a great-grandson, Bennett. Their daughter, Betsy Warren-White, and husband Nat have returned to South Freeport, Maine, after a four-year circumnavigation of the world in their sloop, *Bahatl.* ✷ **Ann Curry Munier** enjoyed her condo on the edge of Lake Winnipesaukee this past summer. She and **Barb Harris** visited the late **Hazel Godfrey Murphy**'s husband, Bill, and said for a 90-year-old, he is doing quite well. Ann's one brag is her three children, who are all still married to their original mates! She has nine grandchildren and now two great-grandchildren. They call her "Great Ma." Son Rob '75 has a new job as VP at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and she is very proud of him. ✷ A note arrived from **Janet Kasper Taylor** saying she is now living with daughter Chris and her husband. She has finally finished the math book, which we have written about before. She has already sold 20 copies and has given away 40 copies to family and friends. **Barbara Grigg Welsh** has two copies and says she is sending one to Middlebury. Janet still works at her church on Thursdays and loves it. She is still drawing and doing crossword puzzles to keep her brain functioning. ✷ We have lost another classmate: **Reginald Goddard** died on July 12. The class sends condolences to his family. ✷ The *Erickson Tribune* ran a story this summer about the retirement community Ashby Ponds where friends often rekindle ties when they move to the community and run into each other. One of the reunions described was between **Mary Nasmith Means** and Irene Ulmer Boublik '49, who hadn't seen each other for years.

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REUNION CLASS

Soon after sending in my column for the fall issue, I received a phone call from **Audrey Jewell Lenk**, too late for the fall issue but wonderfully early for the winter issue. Audrey was a transfer student and when she arrived at Middlebury, she was housed with seniors. Thus, the friends she had made graduated in June. She enjoyed living in Hepburn. She had no startling news but says she keeps busy with her book club, swimming, theater, and working on her old house in Wellfleet, Mass. ✷ **Ernestine "Steeny" Rolls Pepin** writes, "The Northeast Kingdom of Vermont was spared the wrath of Tropical Storm Irene but not so the central and southern sections of the state. The torrential rains played havoc with streams, bridges, roads, and homes." ✷ **Philip Briggs** writes that the area where he lives in Shelburne, Vt., also escaped the damages of Irene. Two of his granddaughters, children of son Peter '79, are enrolled at Middlebury—one graduates in February and one is a sophomore. There are two more grandchildren yet to go to college. In July Philip and wife Jean (Sloan) '49 took daughter Heather '75 and her husband on a Baltic cruise and had plans to take their other daughter, Karen '73, and her husband on a Mediterranean cruise. They then had two other cruises planned after that. They continue to play golf

and divide their time between Vermont and Arizona. He says it's a good life and they are very, very lucky. ✷ **Doris "Ginny" Reynolds Cleveland** says that North Carolina had a spate of weird weather: a rash of tornadoes, an earthquake, and then Hurricane Irene. None of these did damage to her area but just six blocks away they suffered severe damage. She says, "The earthquake made you tend to question your sanity when the whole room began to shake." As a result of Nature's rampages, all water had to be boiled. Ginny's husband has acute heart failure and is now confined to a wheelchair. ✷ **Helen Prentice Theimer**'s big news is that she has published her second book, which is entitled *Anna: Her Calling.* The book was published by a subsidiary of Amazon and is available from Amazon. You may remember her first book was *Wise Ones of Mull: A Gift of Vision.* Helen writes, "I call it a companion novel, not the second of a trilogy. I've imagined its events happening not on the 16th-century Isle of Mull but in 1966, just north of here on the shore of Lake Ontario." In this book Helen goes into details of the historical record-breaking blizzard, a reminder that bad storms have always been part of the fabric of our lives. Your class correspondent enjoyed the first novel so she cannot wait to get her hands on this new one. ✷ **Anne Macomber Wood** called to say she had little news to report. Though she used to travel a good deal, she no longer does. Her big trip this fall was to Ohio to visit her daughter-in-law for five days. ✷ A reminder to all '47ers: Our 65th class reunion takes place June 8–10 at Middlebury. If anyone has thoughts about activities that would enhance our stay, please send them to me.
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48 Correspondent **Elizabeth Bredenberg Ness** reports: **Livia Remmler Rosman** sent me a postcard from Strasbourg, France, where she and her sister made a day trip from Alsace in August. Livia had spent many summers there polishing up her German at the university's summer school. ✷ From Rutland, Vt., **Sylvia Smead Gallagher** wrote that she's in a delightful assisted-living spot on a mountain with lovely accommodations and just a few miles from her daughter. She has had quite a year of hospitals and special care and is thinking of moving next door to attractive independent living apartments. Sylvia is tutoring some young staff who are college students and she is enjoying that greatly. I'll bet they're glad she majored in math! ✷ **Patricia Salmon Henderson** wrote from her home in Vermont where apparently she and Don '49 did not suffer from Tropical Storm Irene—but there were people within traveling distance who did. The Hendersons were busy sharing their growing season's abundance with many Vermonters who desperately needed food. And here is Pat's recommended book for good reading: *The Sisters of Sinai: How Two Lady Adventurers Discovered the Hidden Gospels* by Janet Soskice. ✷ **Beverly Boynton Kinsey** lives in Arizona, where it was exceptionally hot over the summer. She and Roy '45 managed to escape a few times going first to Marin County in Northern California for their grandson's wedding, then back to Arizona to the Rim Country to visit friends, then off to Montana, and back to California to celebrate Bev's 85th with family. ✷ This past summer was somewhat of a disaster for me (Liz) and my family as I fell and fractured two bones in my lower back. I'm much improved so it's becoming ancient history. I do have a new address, however, which you can find at the end of the column. ✷ Unfortunately I have some sad news. **Nancy Cheesman Baetzhold** passed away on July 30. Our sympathy is sent to her family. ✷ Correspondent **Sandy Rosenberg** reports: **Bart Nourse** says that the College came through Tropical Storm Irene without damage and that there was only minor damage in the village. ✷ Rita and I really enjoyed a cruise to Alaska on the m/s *Regatta* in August/September. The best part was that we sailed with our older son, Nathan, and his son, Charles. The Hubbard Glacier really is an impressive piece of ice. We sailed to within one mile of its face and saw some calving. Tea at the Empress Hotel in Victoria was simply excellent. ✷ I am sorry to report that **John Fitzpatrick** died on July 23. At Middlebury he majored in political science and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He was one of the cofounders with his wife of Country Curtains. Our condolences are sent to wife Jane and family.
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49 Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: As I wrote this column about our classmates, my wife, June, and I were being visited by our close friend, **Spence Wright**, who is not only a member of our class but a former roommate and Deke fraternity brother of mine. During his six-day visit to northern Virginia where we live, Spence visited Mary Nasmith Means '46, widow of the late Don Means '47 and sister-in-law of Nancy Means Wright, MA French '65; went to the Solar Decathlon in Washington, D.C., where Middlebury displayed one of the 19 houses entirely sustained by solar energy; and visited the nation's largest naval base in Norfolk, where he saw about 25 warships including aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, and submarines. When I asked Spence to tell me something about himself that I might relate to you classmates he told me of a recent invitation to visit Proctor Academy where he had coached and taught for 20 years. While there years ago, he jokingly told the school officials that he was the only member of his family who had never received a brass plaque honoring them for some worthy distinction: his father Stanley '19, a World War I Army pilot, is honored on a monument dedicated to servicemen located across from the Middlebury Inn; his brother Chuck '50 has a park named for him in Middlebury, given by Will Jackson '51; and another brother Dan '55 has his name on a plaque located on the lawn of the Deke House. In the presence of some 80 Proctor school officials, teachers, and former students Spence was presented with his own brass plaque inscribed "To Spencer Wright—113 wins, 88 losses, and 11 ties." This was to be displayed at the entrance of the newly appointed Spencer Wright Room. I also learned that during his years as a real estate agent, Spence sold several plots of land and houses to Midd '49 classmates. ✷ Our guest told me that **Kyle** and Eleanor Barker '48 **Prescott**, who are traveling less nowadays, are sorely missed by their many Middlebury friends who enjoyed seeing them at football and hockey games. Those two have been great supporters of Midd and once had a vacation home in town. ✷ Spence also told us about a recent event that happened to **Dave** and Perry Maurer '48 **Thompson**. They had traveled to Cape Cod this past summer to join family members to celebrate Perry's 85th birthday. Upon their return to their home in Panton they discovered that the water had been left running in their kitchen sink. The only room in the house not extensively damaged was their bedroom! ✷ We are very sorry to report that **Bob Whittier**'s wife Sally died in August. As you remember, Bob was your class correspondent for many years before I took the job. He sent this note: "You may recall that Sally and Patty Savage, wife of the late **Walt Savage**, worked at Starr Library while we were in school. They spent plenty of time in the reading room in Starr, where books were reserved for reading required in selected English courses. Sally and Patty enjoyed reading the books almost as much as watching romances blossom—it was a private and choice rendezvous for lovers. Walt and I were privileged to learn promptly of who was seeing whom!" ✷ **Norman Joslin** sent a letter to the Alumni Office. He is retired as a justice of the New York Supreme Court and is living in Williamsville, N.Y. Daughter Anne, who graduated from St. Lawrence, is a parent, librarian, and outstanding community and church leader. Son Timothy and daughter Elaine graduated from Princeton and Tim, who also has a graduate architectural degree from Yale, practices his profession and lives in Los Angeles. Norman still enjoys writing poems and limericks.
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50 Correspondent **Corky Elwell** reports: 'Twas a dark and dreary night—on August 28 in central and southern Vermont, the sky opened and dropped up to 10 inches of rain via Tropical Storm Irene. The water came tumbling down the mountain brooks, which quickly became rivers that flooded the valleys and lowlands. Many communities, including Brattleboro, suffered extensively with the loss of houses, roads, and other infrastructures. Four lives were lost. However, Vermont's strong sense of community came to the fore and the difficult process of repairing personal lives and physical structures soon dominated. All repairs are not completed, but Vermont is well on the road to recovery. The storm was reminiscent of the hurricane that blew through Addison County in 1950, which Alan Kimbell '53 wrote about in the summer issue. Just as they did after that catastrophe, Middlebury students helped many Vermonters after Irene. ✷ On a more upbeat note, I had a great conversation with **Albie Butterfield**, who leads a very active life these days. Albie is living in an over-55 community where he believes he may be the oldest member. He walks a lot and he's an ice fisherman, a deer hunter (in Ripton), an avid reader, and enjoys trips to the casino. Sounds like an active life to me. ✷ **Don Belden** has been in Denver for over 50 years now. He and his family love the area. He's enjoying life in spite of a touch of arthritis (sounds familiar). He does some traveling and particularly recalls a train trip through Mexico. Don also recalled bicycling from Williamstown, Mass., to Boston in the days when he was studying for a master's at Williams College. He is also an avid reader. ✷ On a more somber note, I talked with a family member when I called **John Bolos** and learned that John has developed severe dementia over the past year and is in the kind care of family in Manchester, Mass. ✷ **Dave Wallace** is enjoying life in Westport Harbor, Mass., as a community volunteer although he has retired from an extended tour on the town planning commission. He writes grandpa stories about his life for grandchildren, communicates with classmates, and recently learned that a train he recalled as a child is being restored

in Lincoln, N.H., by the Flying Yankee Restoration Group. Dave visited Lincoln and states it's exciting to see this "train before its time" in the process of restoration. ✷ **Bruce Guillan** reports that life is routine but he does keep busy at a fitness center and spends considerable time as a hospice volunteer. Housekeeping duties also keep him hopping. Bruce sounded great and as enthusiastic as ever. ✷ Betty and I had lunch with **Ross Cowan** and his lovely wife, Kit, in early October. Ross looks the same as when I first met him in the summer of 1945! He sends his best to classmates of '50. ✷ We are sad to report the passing of three classmates this fall: **Joan Delamater Turner** on September 26, **Wally Hubbard** on September 27, and **Clara Wing** on October 16. Our condolences are sent to the families of our deceased classmates. ✷ Correspondent **Sally Peek Nelson** reports: **Jacque Snyder Braddock** was raking leaves when I called. When she retired, she and second husband Charlie moved to a rural area outside Fredericksburg, Va., with five acres of deciduous trees to be cared for. For over 20 years she was a librarian in the Fairfax County public schools. Since the Univ. of Virginia didn't offer a master's in library science, she earned a master's in education. She still volunteers at a regional library and processes materials. She has two daughters from her first marriage and each has a son. Charlie has one son. Jacque has had a knee replacement and a pacemaker, but is well. She sees Mary Nasmith Means '46, who's in Ashburn, Va. ✷ **Joan Metzger Brisbin** has four children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They spend the winter in Naples, Fla., and the summer in Maryland. She plays serious tennis and plays in regional and national tournaments. This year she was chosen to be on the four-member team competing at the Super-Senior level in Turkey. It was a great honor to be chosen to represent the U.S. Husband Lansing plays tennis as well, as do two of her children. She coached tennis at Marshall Univ. and was a tax consultant for H&R Block. ✷ **Barbara Mclaren Boucher** is in good health and does private counseling, judges figure skating, and trains her Portuguese water dog. She also plays tennis two or three times a week. There are three children (two went to Midd), nine grandchildren, and by March, she will have three great-grandchildren. Mac, age 17, lives in the Lake Placid Olympic Village, travels to compete in freestyle skiing, and hopes to compete in the next Olympics. Barbara plays bridge weekly and she's thinking of volunteering in a neighborhood school. ✷ **Marjorie Hayden Atkins** and husband Edward have four children. Edward is working on his memoirs of being an "airedale" on a "flattop" in WWII. Marjorie is still working. She plays tennis and works actively for the Republican Party in the National Federation of Republican Women and the Maryland Federation. In May she's planning a trip to Chile and Argentina. She sees **Virginia Ringo Cleary** and **Natalie Richards**.

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Many thanks to **Bill** and **Phyllis Cole Deming** for the wonderful job they have done for the past five years, providing news from our classmates. And congratulations to them for being recipients of the 2011 Outstanding Class Correspondents Award at reunion. They had so much news for the last newsletter that it wouldn't all fit, so we include it here. News from Phyllis and Bill: **Ruth Harris Carlson** has a message for **Barbara Penn Buchanan**, both freshman-year residents in Hepburn: "I'm sorry about the dead mouse in your doorway." ✷ **Connie Parsons Poritsky**, my (Phyllis) four-year friend and senior-year roommate in college, telephoned unexpectedly and we talked and we talked! Sixty years to cover but college years reminiscing took over. Nothing as exciting as the dead-mouse-in-the-doorway, but I do remember totally baffling, loud, snap-snap-snap noises arising from her half of our Forest dorm rooms, which I finally discovered was the breaking of rubber bands inside the golf clubs in her bag leaning against the hot radiator. Forgive me, Connie, but I also remember that you were always the last one to come down the hall to the breakfast room in Forest just before the sliding doors rolled shut, a ritual we all anticipated as the official beginning of the day. Beginning in fall of 1951 I lived at 60 1/2 Main Street and worked for seven-plus scientists in Warner Science (and I an Am lit major!) while Bill began his drafted Army service, and Connie often visited me from Scituate, Mass. ✷ We called **Roly Coates** to get a description and explanation of the intriguing and very unusual artwork he had on a table at breakfast Sunday at reunion. He'd used colored pencils on pastel boards that had marble dust on them! They felt like sandpaper that had deep color to it. Roly likes the detail, and the subtlety of light and dark and of color, and said that each one had 8–12 coats of color. He had a fall studio tour and says we can find out about it by searching Roland Coates on YouTube. ✷ **Bill Sommers** and daughter enjoyed reunion. Bill was also working away on the Arthur Healy project (reported on in the winter 2010 issue) and got a lot more material. From there they returned to Boston for a time of many family events. He's writing poems for his poetry group and doing a couple of articles. Somehow he also helped wife Joan arrange paintings for a show in Chapel Hill, N.C., and another in NYC. We loved his closing: "All of this scatter to tell you in my ancient and declining years I am as well organized as a two-headed hedgehog!" Thanks for a great description, Bill, which others may adopt as their own. ✷ At reunion there was some question about **Virginia Chaplin** not being on the Class of 1951 deceased class members list. At the College she is listed as a nongraduate but there is no information about her in the database. Unless we hear otherwise, we will presume she should be on the deceased list. ✷ Now for news from **Beth Huey Newman** and **Lee Webster McArthur**: Our first call was sadly from **John Gilmore**, to tell us that his wife of 59 years, **Helen Reid Gilmore**, had died in August. At Middlebury, Helen was a member of Kappa Delta, sang in the college choir, and was coeditor of the College handbook. After graduation, she taught private piano lessons and also taught music and piano at Northfield Mount Hermon School plus was her church organist and choir director for over 40 years. Helen and John were the editors of our 50th reunion yearbook. Our heartfelt sympathy to all of Helen's family and friends. ✷ We also send condolences to the family of **Don Christiansen**, who died in July. Don had joined the U.S. Marine Corps when he was 17 and served during WWII. At Middlebury Don was in Chi Psi and enjoyed skiing, being goalie on the hockey team, and dating his future wife, **Pat Ray**. Pat and Don enjoyed more than 40 cruises and land tours. Pat wrote a wonderful poem for Don's memorial service about his love of travel and then his confinement in illness. Her last line was "P.S. Don, save me a front seat on the bus." Pat lives in a Continuous Care Retirement Center and is grateful for the support she is receiving from her friends. Our sympathy to Don's family and friends. ✷ Anyone who has seen **Barbara Pike Prinn** zipping around with her walker won't be surprised that she said, "I have been threatened with speeding tickets. Ha! Ha!" Love her spirit. At her senior residence in Concord, N.H., there is a program called "Compassionate Caregivers," which trains volunteers to visit residents in the nursing home who need a friend and visitor. Barb visits a pleasant woman of 99—we're sure you brighten her day, Barb. ✷ **Norma Horsford Whittinghill** called to say how disappointed she was that poor health prevented her from attending the 60th reunion. They are in a campus-style senior facility, where there is something going on all the time. Our best wishes, Norma, for better health. ✷ **Tom Jacobs**'s wife, Marilyn (Mulholland) '49 wrote that she will be sure that Tom shares anything newsworthy. They spend a lot of time cycling and walking the golf course (and chasing golf carts?) in the summer to keep in shape for skiing in the winter. They spend a couple of months in the spring and fall at their home in Amelia Island, Fla. You both looked in good shape in June! ✷ **Carolyn Sackett Coleburn** was happy to see so many classmates looking well and happy. Many of our class have either moved to Vermont or have places there, so the Coleburns are able to keep up with them when they are there. They had lunch in Montpelier with **Betty Gale Woods**, **Mary Krum Dale**, and Jim and **Barbara Lukens Calkins**. They also run into the **Demings** at the Shelburne Farmers Market. ✷ **Russ Wyman** wrote that wife Margie is rehabbing with her new hip and doing well. Russ is still writing and is occasionally published by *On the Water* magazine. He also paints seascapes. Children and grandchildren are nearby and keep in touch. ✷ Until he suffered a heart attack and then damaged his rotator cuff, **Frank Tuxbury** walked the golf course, played singles tennis, and downhill skied mainly at Alta, Utah. He and wife Maxine now maintain a home in Massachusetts and another on a lake in New Hampshire. They have made 35 trips to Utah and also five trips to British Open golf tournaments, some at St. Andrews. They go to a fitness club a few times a week. A good suggestion for all of us? How many do? ✷ **Ruth Harris Carlson** couldn't give me an answer to the "dead mouse" episode. She said it was part of her "trickster" years at Midd. She sent a picture of herself and Ken '50 on their 60th anniversary. They look wonderful. But they have had a heartbreaking year as they lost their oldest daughter to cancer. Our deepest sympathy, Ruth and Ken. ✷ I (Lee) had notes from the late **Jo Overlock Hoffmire**'s daughters following Jo's death last January. They said she always spoke about how wonderful her years at Middlebury were, and how much she cherished her college friends. "You were important in her memories and in her heart." ✷ Harvey and **Carol Osborn Moger** are excited about son Brad's new opportunity in his "own" church in Franklin, Ind., even though it meant leaving Connecticut after many years. Oldest son George has retired as a teacher after 32 years and is considering going to Mexico to teach English as a second language. The other two sons continue to teach in Connecticut. A family of teachers and preachers! In addition to their home in Simsbury, Carol and Harvey also have a house on the Connecticut shore. They are hoping to make a trip to Prague and Bruges sometime in the future. We'll be anxious to hear about that. ✷

Anne Moreau Thomas wrote from her summer home on Cape Cod, where she was keeping busy with people coming and going. She was looking forward to attending Fall Family Weekend in October with son John '77 and his wife to visit granddaughter, Sarah '14. ✳ Our thanks to all of you who responded with news. Please do keep in touch. And to those of you who didn't get to it this time, we will be in touch for our next issue.
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Correspondent **Barbara Cummiskey Villet** reports: Playing catch-up again and the news is good, sad, and somewhat in-between. On the good side of things, **Jean Vaughan Varney** is gearing up for another trip with a group of women friends. This time it's Croatia for 13 days on a private tour. She has made several journeys with this group: Provence, Venice, the Alps—and England and Scotland are next on the agenda. Her life is full of good things following her retirement last year after 21 years in real estate. Other trips this last year have taken her to California with her daughter to visit her two sons and families in San Francisco and San Diego. She remains independent in her Alexandria townhouse outside D.C., but has made the first moves toward a military retirement community when and if she feels the time has come. She plans to attend our 60th in the spring. ✳ Equally energetic, **Mary Halstead Francoeur** managed a 17-hour road trip from Michigan to Middlebury in September to be at the Alumni Leadership Conference discussions of the upcoming 60th, which she also plans to attend. I scolded her for such an exhausting driving effort but, as usual, she enjoyed all of it. Also at ALC were **Steve Baker**, **Bill** and **Zoe Birren Kirby** and Bill and **Shirley Herrman Andrews**. ✳ Shirley was, as usual, very busy. Thanks to a query from **Ruth Eldridge Race** about dispensations from the scholarship fund we organized for middle-class students at our 25th reunion, Shirley, with help from the College, chased down the missing information. The fund has grown from the initial class contribution of $121,286 to $725,422, even after funding several deserving young people. Records pick up in '93 and you may by now have received a mailer from the College detailing recent recipients. Meantime Shirley was also preparing to take an advanced Spanish class at adult education and, back in September, was rehearsing for the joint performance of a sonata at their church with Bill. ✳ My own news is positive, too. I'm happy to report that on February 14, HBO will release a documentary that centers on the Lovings, the interracial couple who were arrested for being married in the state of Virginia in 1966 and who carried their case to victory in the Supreme Court. Grey Villet's photographs of the couple shot in 1966 are a major part of the film, which has already won high honors at Tribeca and elsewhere with much praise for his photographs. And the final feather in this cap will be a solo exhibition at the International Center of Photography in New York opening January 20 and running through May. ✳ **Jackie Willaredt Lelong** admits that she is a night owl who stays up to watch Charlie Rose. She confesses that she and husband Don '51 are news junkies, totally engaged with what is going on in this world and country, however disappointing. Jackie commented that of late this seems "a country of excesses—all black or white without any sense of the grays" that are closer to reality. But she is happy to be in good health and still thoroughly enjoys Austin and Sun City, Texas, where the Lelongs moved in 1978. And she is thankful that "after all the turmoil of their teenage years," their children chose to follow them to Austin and are near at hand. ✳ Sad news arrived from **Marie Cavanaugh Frink** whose husband of almost 60 years died in September after a long illness. Active almost until his final days, David was a creative man who built beautiful furniture and lovingly restored a wooden boat to museum quality after his retirement from Aetna. Even in freshman year at Middlebury, David stood at the center of Marie's life and will be sorely missed. We send her our condolences. ✳ Correspondent **Ken Nourse** reports: **Steve Baker**'s wife, Jane (Murdoch) '50, died in July and attending the funeral were **Bill** and **Zoe Kirby**, **Barbara Villet**, and yours truly along with wife Pat Todd Nourse '53. Jane had a long battle with cancer (11 years at least). Steve has been her caregiver for the past couple of years and has done it with a most positive attitude. Have any of you noticed that misfortune really brings out character? Steve has that in spades. Since this is my last set of notes (I do fall and winter, **Bill Huey** does spring and summer), I think you all had better be thinking of whom you want as replacements for us. We shall be gathering for our 60th this June. We shall attend to it then.
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Nancy Hamilton Shepherd of Stow, Mass., continues her ministry as a volunteer with two other women at a federal prison hospital, where they lead a Bible study and have a monthly communion service. She finds that very satisfying. She and husband Tom have eleven grands, two of them next door. Two daughters live in Lincoln, Vt., not far from Middlebury. Nancy and Tom are involved with the "Shepherd's Poverty Program," which is concerned with the root causes of poverty. Nancy and **Biffy Darling Sherburne** asked our class at the 50th to donate towards the Alliance for Civic Engagement at the College to support initiatives aimed at poverty alleviation. Our gifts support opportunities for students to have internships and be involved in understanding and acting on issues of poverty. The Shepherds stay in contact with **Biffy**, **Pat Hamilton Todd**, **Ann McGinley Ross**, and **Anne Coleman Zehner** among others. ✳ A few years after graduating from Midd, **Mary Elisabeth Wells Reiner** studied Russian and subsequently taught Russian at St. John's Univ. in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. In 1961 she went with students from Fordham Univ. to Russia and was there when the first Russian spaceship landed! Living in NYC, she is retired now but is a volunteer with the National Board of Girl Scouts at the United Nations and has been involved with fund-raisers for several international charitable organizations and for the NYC Mission Society. She belongs to the Order of Malta and was a delegate for the Catholic Church to the United Nations! She and her husband have two children. Their son is a Midd graduate, Class of 1986, and their daughter is an attorney involved in finance. She was married at St. Peter's in Rome! Mary Elisabeth fondly remembers **Janet Nutt Lembke**, who encouraged her to pierce her ears. ✳ **Clark Alvord** has lived in North Chatham, Mass., since 2008 in the house he and his wife built in 1970, thinking towards retirement. He enjoys Cape Cod with its good weather, boating, and sailing, and he avoids great white sharks, which like the harbor seals. He loves Vermont in the winter and especially likes skiing at Stratton Mountain. Clark went to UPenn to earn his MBA and met his wife, who was from Sweden, in the library! They have one daughter in Portland, Ore., who is a triathlete and has run three times in the Kona race and plans to run in the Boston Marathon this April. Clark recently saw **Irv Morris** and says he looks better than ever. Clark's message to our classmates is for all to show up for our 60th reunion in 2013! He recommends we all keep active and come to Stratton to ski if you can. If you'd like to call him, his winter phone is 802-297-2153. ✳ **Elizabeth Nichols Ross** has lived in California since 1956 and currently is in Los Gatos, where she was a library reference coordinator until retiring in 2000. She travels yearly to the coast of Maine to see her sister. She had a hip replacement not long ago and she says the recovery took about four weeks. She sees few Midd people, except her Weybridge House roommate, **Nancy Clemens Crosby**. Elizabeth has four sons who live nearby and one grandson, whose mother is Italian. Almost five years old, her grandson has been to Italy 11 times and speaks fluent Italian! She has attended one Midd alumni event in San Francisco and was impressed with how good the women looked, while the men were showing signs of aging. In a message to our classmates, she says, "If you are in California along the coast in Los Gatos near San Jose, stop by to visit!" ✳ **Gardner Wood**, of Simsbury, Conn., reports that a lot of things happened last year. His wife, Betsy, died in February of a melanoma. Their kids have been very supportive, and he has been working back to his usual life. He spends the summer in Raymond, Maine, and the winter in Vero Beach, Fla. His son lives in Denver, Colo., where Gardner was planning to go for Thanksgiving. Two grandchildren also live there and six are on the East Coast. He occasionally sees **Bob Kelly** and **Neil Sheehan**. **Irv Morris** lives up the street in Simsbury and **Norm** and Joan Allen '51 **Armour** used to live there, also. Gardner lives in a condo complex of 66 units with other folks of comparable age and has been there six years since selling his home. He says a lot of Midd people live nearby. A Red Sox fan, he was in despair at the disastrous way the season ended. ✳ **Gale Shaw**, a well-known Middlebury skier, says he does no more daily skiing, but maybe skis three or four times a year. He has two granddaughters at Midd, in the classes of 2013 and 2015, and he has a grandson who's a junior at UVM. Another grandson graduated from UVM and one graduated from Middlebury in 2010. His daughter Danielle and her husband, Ted Virtue, are Class of 1982. Gale, who lives in Stowe, Vt., goes to Middlebury as much as he can to watch lacrosse games. He attended our most recent reunion and stays in contact with classmates. He also attended the memorial for Fred Neuberger '50. ✳ **Harriet Nelson Edson** has retired from her work with Digital Equipment Corp. as an administrative assistant. She's happy in Leominster, Mass., which is about 20–30 miles west of Boston. She has not been in contact with Midd classmates but has been in contact with high school classmates from Salisbury, Vt. Harriet plays duplicate bridge, does computer work, and is transcribing her grandmother's papers and diary. She has retired from volunteer work, tutoring, and singing. ✳ **Phyllis**

Laidlaw Herring sent word that she has a new address: 103 North Hermitage Rd., Beaufort, SC 29902. Phone is 843-322-0002. ✳ Congratulations to **Faith Nielsen**, who was chosen the Mascot Books Author of the Year. Her book, *From Here to There and Back with a Quack!* was published through the Mascot Books Author Program. ✳ See page 70 for a photo of a 1953 mini-reunion at the home of **Bill** and **Jan Schongar Wagner**! ✳ I had so much news that more will appear in the spring issue.
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Correspondent **Nancy Whittemore Nickerson** reports: From Greencastle, Ind., **Jo Verbryck Kissinger** sent the following reply to my e-mail. "Since Paul and I traveled almost every summer I feel I have done a lot of trips overseas. Now I enjoy travel to see family and close friends and will be joining my son and daughter for a week's trip to Alaska on a ship called the *Silver Shadow*—now that sounds mysterious! My daughter has made all the arrangements and it will be a wonderful treat to be with them for a brief but fun week. My granddaughter graduated from DePauw last spring so two out of four are launched in the real world. The other two are teens working their way through school, sports, and all the other activities that keep parents on the go. I spent a few weeks with them escorting cousins around Northern California to introduce the sights of Monterey, Santa Cruz, Alcatraz, and Chinatown as well as Yosemite and Muir Woods—had gorgeous weather but four teens kept us hopping. I guess the biggest thing I have done with the support of my two kids and their spouses is to establish an endowment for the benefit of our summer classical music series through a community foundation here in Greencastle. I still do lots of volunteering." ✳ From **Bert Welling** comes this news: "The Wellings have had an eventful year to date. It started with a trip to New Zealand last February as a 50th wedding anniversary trip for us (married in Christchurch in April of 1961). However, Christchurch had a major earthquake just before we went and has had more than 7,500 aftershocks since, the most recent of 4.5 in late August. While we had planned to go to Christchurch, we felt that it would be too much of an imposition on our family and friends and the community to have tourists at that time. We spent a lot of time with Louise's cousins, sister-in-law, and nephews on North Island and then went over to Sydney, Australia, to see two more cousins. Then it was on to Toowoomba in Queensland where some friends we met on a trip to Spain in 2009 live, and where we visited a cattle ranch of 10,000 acres owned by their daughter and son-in-law. We were gone six weeks in all. In June we went to a celebration of life for the late **Julian Hodges** in Rindge, N.H., where he and his wife had a summer home. We had seen the Hodges at our 60th anniversary from Pomfret School in June of 2010. Then our children from California and Florida decided that our overseas trip was an insufficient commemoration of our anniversary, so in late July they organized a party for us at our local golf club, where they and our friends roundly roasted us for all of our antics through the years. It was fun and the tributes were humbling. In late August we joined a number of classmates on Cape Cod for an evening of reminiscences, laughter, and general camaraderie. Hurricane Irene threatened to cause trouble for this, but the power came back on the day of the event so all was well. The event was hosted by Fred and **Lesley Harper Miller** and was attended by **Gus** and **Sally Robinson Boardman**, **Karl** and **Lois Robinson Limbach**, **John** and **Judy McAvity MacDonald**, **Cecily Mattocks Marshall**, **Jane Montgomery**, Dick and **Jean Tibbetts Pentland**, **Bob** and **Barbara Totten Perkins**." ✳ Our condolences to the family of **Frank Freer**, a biology major and member of DKE, who died on June 13 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Condolences also to the families of **Norman Kittel** who died July 3 and **Joan Folsom Lamon** who died June 13. ✳ On a happier note, as your grandchildren go off to or graduate from colleges across the country, compare their college life with ours and send me your comments. It should make an interesting column or two—so start e-mailing! ✳ Correspondent **Diane Schwob Strong** reports: From **Nancy Wilson Rule** we heard, "I don't have a lot of news—we live a relatively quiet life here in Ouray, Colo., a beautiful site in a bowl at the northern edge of the San Juan Mountains with maybe 1,000 residents. We have many, many Texans, who come here regularly in the summer—many have summer homes, but some have come and stayed year-round as we do." (Correspondent's note: So true—when we lived in Colorado, I used to get annoyed at all those Texans—until I became one!) "We just passed our 25-year mark, having moved to our Ouray home (an 1880 'Carpenter Gothic' fixer-upper purchased in 1972) in 1986 from Asheville, N.C., where we left our children (and of course now grandchildren). The San Juan Mountains are the most beautiful of the Colorado Rockies in our opinion. Our temperatures in the summer usually don't get much over the high 80s, though we do have to be careful with high-altitude sun—we're at 7,800 ft. We are definitely a tourist destination with many motels and B&Bs and an airport down the valley in Montrose that has direct flights to Dallas on American (and sometimes Continental from Houston). Of course you can fly into Telluride or Grand Junction as well but that involves more driving. We offer hiking, mountain biking, ice, rock, and mountain climbing, two waterfalls, a hot springs pool, a top-notch historical museum, and a very historic atmosphere including the Wright Opera House and many homes that are on the National Register. In 1995 I had a five-day high school mini-reunion here for members of my 1950 class at Bethesda–Chevy Chase High School. We aren't doing those anymore but after subsequent ones in Woodstock, Vt., Sedona, Ariz., and Yosemite National Park, many of them still tell me Ouray was the best!" ✳ We are sad to report that **Bruce Ladeau** passed away on November 3. Our sympathy goes out to his family.
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Correspondent **John Baker** reports: From Gilmanton, N.H., **Pete Baldwin** writes, "Carolyn (Whitmore) '54 and I are faring well. Our three middle-aged children and their kids live on or very near our Pancake Hill farm, a setting my parents bought in 1931. We garden and keep horses, ducks, geese, hogs, layer and broiler chickens, and bees. Our maple harvest last spring was excellent. We are so fortunate! I closed my practice as a psychotherapist at the end of October 2010 and have just completed a second book that was published in September. I've produced two folk CDs in the last 15 years. The D8 alumni will gather and perform at Old Home Day in 2012, its 60th reunion (and counting)!" ✳ Your class correspondent is still alive and well. Liddy and I have been in our "new" house in Kent for five years. I'm active as a member of the Kent Architectural Review Board and am a consultant to the Bedford Historic Building Preservation Commission (N.Y.). I still have an active architectural practice but do not have to be as busy as I was when my four children were in schools and college. Five Middlebury degrees in this household have always been a source of pride. The latest news is that my son Ian '79, MA English '85 was married last year to Cristy Elmendorp, whom he met in Thailand. (Check out rarejourneys.com if any of you consider an adventure in Tibet or Mongolia.) ✳ Correspondent **Sally Dickerman Brew** reports: **Jojo Kittell Corey** responded to the question of how Middlebury has impacted her life: "I truly believe that the liberal arts education I received at Middlebury has helped me in everything that I do and have done. I was a middle school science teacher but I was able to share lots of non-science things with my students—some of them actually found that strange. My education has definitely helped me to appreciate much more of the world we live in." She continued, "And speaking of appreciating the world we live in, last May **Dave** and I went on an eight-day cruise on the Danube River from Budapest to Nuremberg. It was fantastic—lovely scenery, a concert in Vienna, an organ concert in Germany, many excursions in different cities. I heard so much European history—much more than I was able to assimilate!" This summer they enjoyed opera in Saratoga Springs and Cooperstown, N.Y., and enjoyed getting together with their grandchildren. ✳ **Sue Heyer Byers** sent me an update about Alumni College in August. "Our class, living up to its envied reputation for enthusiasm and cohesion, once again dominated Alumni College. We got used to other students' comments such as, 'Oh, no, not another from the Class of '55!' Those delving into Vermont's geology or government, Hindu deities, or Happiness, and frolicking in Bread Loaf's rarefied atmosphere were Caleb and **Sid Brock Gates**, Linda and **Frank Punderson**, **Nancy Walker Faulkner**, **Judy Zecher Colton**, **Judy Kirby Bock**, **Dick** and **Mary Lou King Wollmar**, **Junie Stringer DeCoster**, **John** and **Kathy Hughes von Hartz**, **Carolyn Edgar Goodrham** (all the way from England), Peter and **Scotty McGregor Gillette**, **Midge Van Leuvan**, Nancy and **Dave Bridges**, and **Bruce** and me. Judy Bock's signature dancing (you've seen it at reunions)—even though favorite partner Paul '52 couldn't attend this year—alone was worth the trip to Bread Loaf! The courses, professors, food and drink, al fresco gatherings between and after classes, evening films and entertainment, accommodations, tennis, hiking, Saturday banquet were all outstanding. (Even those who didn't take the Happiness course were happy.) Hurricane Irene threatened but did not interrupt the flow. The clear message is think Alumni College 2012! It has all the makings of a perfect reunion." If this write-up didn't convince you, go to http://blogs.middlebury.edu/middmag/2011/09/29/back-to-the-books-at-bread-loaf. It's a great slideshow about the weekend and you'll see familiar faces! ✳ We regret to inform you that our classmate, **Carole Rice Hanau**, died on September 5. Carole retired to Cardiff-by-the-Sea, near San Diego, in 1978 after a career in nursing. In our 50th Reunion Yearbook, Carole summed up her positive attitude towards

life with the following words. "As a grandmother of eight, I am looking forward to many more good times. Line dancing anyone?"

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As always, it is a pleasure to report what our classmates have been up to. ✳ **Bob Keating** wrote, "In late August Judy and I took a couple of our kids' kids (cousins actually) over to Middlebury for the tour. Not having any reason whatsoever to make myself known to those in Admissions, we went along quietly for the orientation and the tour of the campus. Wow! Would I ever love to enroll in this place. It was the only college I applied to back in '51. (Now how naive was that?) The cousins loved it too." ✳ **Judy Phinney Stearns** writes, "When Nancy and **Dick Powell** invited me to come down to visit them in Virginia and go to the Solar Decathlon in D.C., I was thrilled. It had been a very long time since I had been in Washington. We visited historic memorials and monuments, works of beauty and importance. But just a short walk into Potomac Park, adjacent to the well-known historic and classic buildings, was the most modern and revolutionary display of student ingenuity one could imagine! The Solar Decathlon, the Department of Energy's competition of unique energy-efficient homes designed by students of 19 colleges and universities, was taking place. The Middlebury College Self-Reliance team was proudly showing their farmhouse with all the energy-saving features and architecture imaginable. They all spoke easily and knowledgeably to the public, were so enthusiastic and personable, and obviously extremely proud of their self-reliance. We visited many of the houses built by other colleges and universities. Some were appealing, others not. But all were ingeniously designed and built. Midd's was our favorite. Nancy, Dick, and I were thrilled to be there, to be a small part of such a significant undertaking and proud to be associated with Middlebury, a liberal arts college that encouraged and supported an out-of-the-box visionary project, and in doing so provided an unforgettable and challenging educational experience for many students. My entire visit with the Powells in their beautiful home and charmed by their southern hospitality and amazing knowledge of their D.C. and Virginia surroundings, was wonderful!" ✳ **Lynne Atherton** and friend Fred Chase also went to Washington, D.C., for the Solar Decathlon, eager to see Middlebury's exciting Self-Reliance entry in place. ✳ During our 55th reunion, **Jody Newmarker Crum** attended the meeting of Middlebury veterans as her son, Nathan, serves in the Army today. She commented, "I was really impressed with how much the military experience had served the different men in their adult life! It was very interesting! I agree that it would be excellent for Midd to have an ROTC program. Our Nathan was military from day one. He was the commander of the ROTC Marine unit in high school. He actually did reenactments in his bachelor days. The Army took Nathan at Purdue, and he ran a ranger unit. After deployment to Iraq, Lt. Col. Nathan returned from Baghdad with a bronze star as a result of his 12–14 hour days seven days a week. He came out here to Indiana with his family a week after he returned to the U.S. Nathan's wife, an MD, says he is slower to process things, slower in reading, etc., but that should right itself within two years. Sure hope so! Hope he isn't sent back or to Afghanistan. These redeployments have run havoc with families. So for now he is back at the Armory as of the hurricane and flooding in Maryland. I was glad to be a free spirit at reunion. **Pat Hunter Highley**, my sophomore roommate, did the airport runs, but at Midd we heard Chris Waddell '91, a paraplegic, talk about his climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro, visited the solar home being built for the competition in Washington, D.C., saw the Midd vegetable garden, etc. All was fun including dining with friends. My husband Dick had gotten tangled up in a ladder and was placed in neuro-critical care with a double concussion and nine broken ribs and was unable to attend. In my town I got to organize the community garden of 68 plots: put in one ton of fertilizer, plow and disc up a former school playground, and mark off the area—then market the plots. It was a church program called GO LOVE INDY. At the same time I was planting the model garden, I was teaching in the 4-H foods lab." ✳ **John Chase** tells of a good recovery after rebuilding the body for another 100,000 miles. He lists, "Leg tendonitis, rotator cuff surgery, gall bladder surgery—done and behind me. Barbara is well, and all children are employed and out of the house." ✳ We hope the winter season is being kind to you all, no matter where you are, and we look forward to hearing from other classmates in the spring. If you are not getting e-mails from us from time to time, make sure the College has your e-mail address. Or send it to us if you would like. Cheers.

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Classmates have already begun working on our 55th reunion June 8–10. Gathering at Bread Loaf for the Alumni Leadership Conference, **Sabra Harwood Field**, **Pete** and **Lee Johnson Howell**, **Hugh Marlow**, **Pat Judah Palmer**, **Heather Hamilton Robinson**, **Wyman Rolph**, and **Sally Holmes Wilson** set the wheels in motion. Hugh reminds us that we are trying to double the number of classmates who belong to the Cane Society so please keep that in mind! ✳ **Sabra Field** had recently returned from a trip to Lihue, Hawaii, where she delivered a suite of prints in Spencer's memory to the hospital where he died. She and one of their best friends enjoyed a week of relaxation, which included a fire ceremony on the beach where Kauaians bid farewell to their dead. The ceremony was hosted by the ER doc who tried so hard to save Spen. ✳ **Heather Robinson** reported that Middlebury came through the floods of Irene in good shape, but that their lake in Ludlow rose six feet, driving six to eight feet of water up the hill behind their boathouse. ✳ From Philadelphia **Nancy Berkowitz Fredland** sent a report about a wonderful Road Scholar trip last summer in Post Mills, Vt., at the Ohana Camp. The program featured five days of hiking and canoeing near Lake Fairlee with tai chi to start the day. ✳ **Kathy Platt Potier** raves about her Road Scholar week at Campobello Island, New Brunswick, where she learned about the Roosevelts' summers there as well as the present challenges and rewards of life Down East. She and **Gerry Raymond Custer** spent a week sampling the food and wines of Central Oregon. ✳ The New Hampshire crowd continued their tradition of a mini-reunion at the farm of Mary Lou and **Glen Graper** in Freedom. Joining the festivities were Broadus and **Betsy Mathewson Bailey**, Peter and **Gail Parsell Beckett**, **Mary Ellen Bushnell**, **Murray** and **Julie French Campbell**, **Pat Palmer**, and **Wayne** and **Pam Clark Reilly**. ✳ This fall **Drue Cortell Gensler** checked in between trips. "Off to Paris, then Brussels with SFMOMA trip, then a luxury barge trip with four couples for a week, Paris, and then home. On to Providence, R.I., for board meetings of the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women with classmate **Peggy Houck Smith**, then in Rancho Santa Fe, near San Diego, for Thanksgiving and the holidays. The firm is doing wonderfully with 38 offices—Art 'says' he's retired but is running full-tilt with both boards and the firm keeping him busy! I won't let him stay home for a day, teehee!" ✳ **Frankie Hall** enjoyed a wonderful 18-day trip through many of the Western national parks—2,800 miles through the Rockies. Nice to be on a tour bus, Frankie says, leaving the driving to others. ✳ Sad news came from **Carol Van Duyn Terhune**, whose husband Flip '56 died August 28 in Norwalk, Conn., from complications of a stroke. He was watching a Red Sox game when the stroke hit, Carol says. We send our sympathy to Carol and the family.

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Your new correspondent, **Sonny Wilder**, sent these updates: **Ken Milner**, one of a handful of our classmates living outside the U.S., has been in Madrid for 45 years and is now a retired Ford executive. He writes that he keeps active swimming laps in his condominium's pool, often with his son. ✳ As president of the National Docent Symposium Council the past two years, **Sue Daniell Phillips** spent much of her time last year getting ready for the national symposium held in St. Louis in October. Her biggest challenge during her presidency was working with a Web designer to develop the organization's new website. Check out recent photos of Sue by clicking on Newsletters at www.docents.net. ✳ As for me, my career was spent in John Hancock's Boston corporate office. As a retiree, I'm active, leading and taking courses in Lifelong Learning programs, participating in Portuguese and Spanish language immersion programs in Brazil and Mexico, and, with wife Pat, enjoying travel. We are recently back from Australia, with the hope of going to Antarctica in January 2013 to complete our touching down on every continent. ✳ This is a good time again to encourage all of you to send us news on your activities to include in our class notes. ✳ Correspondent **Ann Ormsbee Frobose** reports: **Charlene Scott** has been doing a lot of traveling in recent years. From Seattle and the Cascades to Lake Garda in Italy while visiting Milan and Sicily. Other trips included the Greek Islands, Germany, and London. ✳ Sadly our class has had numerous losses recently. **Anne Curtis Odom** passed away on August 25 after being struck by a bus in downtown Middlebury. **Grace Warder Harde** remembers history classes with Anne. She appreciated Anne's very down-to-earth practical approach to learning as opposed to "the rest of us floundering around in theory." Grace remembered Anne doing legwork for a report about her grandmother's appearance in a labor relations court on behalf of fair pay for camp counselors. "Anne was capable, confident, and a great friend." **Jane Coutant Ramsay** remembers Anne as a person of unbelievable integrity, steadfast, and a devoted wife and mother. When they both lived in Washington, D.C., Anne's son Mark would

babysit for Jane's son Duncan. **Linda Durfee Dean** remembers being Anne's roommate for a year in Boston when they were teaching there. Anne was a bridesmaid in Linda's wedding. Times of meeting were rare after that but they kept in touch. Anne had a wonderfully productive life. Contributions in her career as curator of art collections at Hillwood and its relationship to the Hermitage in Russia will be a lasting legacy to the art world. She wrote, among other works, *Russian Enamels*. ✳ We also lost **Shirley Whitney Juneo** on August 9. **Mary Roemmele Crowley** remembers Shirley's bubbly energy and contagious smile, as I (Ann) do. The first time I met Shirley I was entertained by her introducing herself secondarily by juxtaposing the beginning initials of her name. Later at reunions I remember her hospitality at their place on Lake Dunmore when everything else was over. **Charlene Scott** remembers the fun of performing in "Ancestral Voices" together for our 45th reunion. **Linda Dean** saw Shirley in Florida during the winter at Pi Phi activities. Shirley was a dear friend who loved life. She was upbeat and enthusiastic about her activities and associations. Linda remembers Shirley's joy at receiving a Sabra Field print for her 70th birthday. **Betsy Heath Gleason** says that Shirley died peacefully at her Lake Dunmore home and daughter Jennifer was with her. After graduating from Midd, Shirley earned an MS degree in education, which landed her in Weisbaden, Germany, where she met her husband (who died in August of 2008). We will remember her for her wonderful smile and kindness to others. ✳ Classmates remember **Joseph Mohbat**, who died on August 10. **Phil Ormsbee** writes, "Joe was my roommate our junior year. Joe was 16 when he came to Middlebury, the product of some accelerated learning program for overachievers. We wound up on the *Campus* newspaper staff, Joe as sports editor/writer. He was blessed with a quirky sense of humor, which stood him in good stead over the years. I visited his home in Coldwater, Mich., in the dead of winter, where his parents entertained us royally. His father was a traveling salesman with a marvelous line of patter. We both pledged SLUG and endured a trip to American National Univ. with a list of arcane items to beg or purloin. Thankfully my memory has dimmed about that outing. Joe was an Am lit major and our paths diverged. He was active in drama and I was not. He did an outstanding job as an older man in *The Chalk Garden*, a role he emulated in everyday life. After graduation he worked as a reporter for the *Galesburg Gazette* in Illinois, and from there went to the AP. I saw him at the 50th reunion and he had gone all avuncular. So now he's gone and I'll miss him. Joe Mohbats don't come along often." **Bill Lofquist** writes, "Joe was one of the smartest, sharpest, most personable men I've ever met. In an American ballad and folklore class, Professor Beck noted that many stories and myths tend to become embellished. Joe immediately commented aloud, 'You should see what the Am Lit department is doing to a hunt for a whale.' We were lucky to have Joe as a classmate." I (Ann) didn't really get to know Joe till after graduation when we were living in Wisconsin. Joe lived in Illinois and would come to visit fairly often. We would go to hockey games and play Scrabble and talk about politics. In '68 Joe visited us in California while working with Bobby Kennedy's campaign. We dropped him off into a large rally in front of the Fairmont Hotel. We felt so proud of Joe. During my teaching years I would look forward to finding witty e-mails from Joe after school on my computer there. Joe Mohbat was a man with a great wit, a great heart, and a fine mind. We will miss his contributions to our College.

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Noelle Caseley Locke writes, "Life here on Cape Cod is lovely despite being bereft of classmates. Living with an alum helps! We both are much involved in concern for the health of the ocean and earth. A prime hero for us continues to be Midd's Bill McKibben. (His talk for us at our 50th was outstanding.) He has given a good part of the past five years to traveling the world to arouse awareness. His latest commitment was leading the demonstrations at the White House against drilling in the Alberta tar sands. Thanks, Bill!" ✳ **Andy Montgomery** and wife Joy made it to 50 years of wedded bliss with celebrations at their summer cottage in eastern Ontario this past August. ✳ **Ruth Haynes Sargent**'s busy life includes volunteering in several church and community projects. She and husband Brad '56 have lived in southern Florida for 35 years. Ruth is active with the Women's Club, which locally raises money for projects like the training of service/companion dogs, and nationally raises funds for numerous humanitarian projects, including giving farm animals to people in impoverished areas. Ruth writes for a local newsletter; Brad volunteers occasionally for the sheriff's department. They are parents of a son and daughter; their son is a marine scientist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Ruth is also a Pilates enthusiast. She and Brad plan to cruise to the Bahamas during coming months. ✳ Pat and **Fred Swan** were On the Road Again, this time following "In the Footsteps of Paul," visiting places where the Apostle Paul founded churches in Greece and western Turkey and also on the island of Patmos and in the city of Rome. ✳ **Barbara Samson Thompson** writes, "Ron and I have downsized to a condominium but we are still in Madison, Conn. Ron Jr. and family have moved back to Greenwich, Conn., after nine years in London. Ron III is a sophomore at Georgetown and on the sailing team. Deborah and family are still in Shrewsbury, England, and we saw them in November. Seth and Karen are in the United Arab Emirates; Seth teaches at American University Sharjah. They have a summer home in Rockland, Maine, so we did see them over the summer." ✳ From **Carol Sippel Monsees** came this update: "We had a wonderful summer! I tried to test my newish knee and hip by taking on various activities. Daily biking worked well, but golf did not! Hubby Tull had 60th reunion at Culver Military Academy in Indiana and we partied pretty well with his old classmates for five days—it's a beautiful campus. Then I went on another granddaughter adventure with Carlee, who is at St. Lawrence Univ. in her first year. She and I had two great weeks traveling in China. Our annual family (13) fishing trip to Wisconsin was a little sparse on the muskelunge and walleye, but big on sunshine and family chatter with all five 'grands.' Off to Paris in October with number three granddaughter Livia for a long weekend. My traveling days are numbered as these great kids grow up and out! Tull and I have retreated for the winter to Naples, Fla., where we can get outdoor exercise and I can do my oil painting, which suffers from overscheduling at 'home.' We've been in our house in Winnetka, Ill., for 47 years and celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in August. I still love Middlebury and special friends from the Class of '59." ✳ We had an interesting report from **Eric Lorentzen**. He found himself attending a martial arts reunion and says, "I had to practice kneeling on my heels, toes pointing rearward, a position I hadn't achieved for 35 years. The result was a strained and sore right flexor in my hip. Only positive was Medicare paid for regular buttocks massages by a masseuse." Do we want to hear more from Eric? ✳ Our intrepid classmate **Lou Beckman** writes, "I returned at the end of September from doing the Tour du Mont Blanc, hiking about 100 miles in France, Italy, and Switzerland over 12 days. I went with six other women from Crested Butte and Vermont, ages 59 to 73 (me). It was a wonderful trek, with beautiful scenery, delicious food, varied accommodations—hotels to huts, strenuous hiking, great camaraderie, and a snowstorm to add to the adventure." ✳ Continuing to enjoy their active retirement, **Don Collier** and wife Pat (McCoy) '58 recently were white-water rafting on the Chattooga River on the Georgia and South Carolina border. ✳ We heard **Jan Martin Fenwick** was honored by Avenidas, a community that supports and celebrates older adults in the Palo Alto, Calif., area, with a Lifetime of Achievement award for raising awareness and support for such nonprofits as Environmental Volunteers, Community School of Music and Art, and Planned Parenthood. Congratulations! ✳ In July three new trustees joined the Board of Trustees of the Bennington (Vt.) Museum including our own **Barbara Burch Melhado**.

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Breck Lardner carefully read "Viewfinder" in the summer *Middlebury Magazine* and remarked about connections to two classmates: the late **Doug Kitchel** was descended from fifth president Harvey Denison Kitchel; and Joseph Battell, Class of 1860, who gave the college money to buy the house from Kitchel, is a forebear of our own **Pete Battelle**, who graduated 100 years later. In another connection, Breck also noted that Ginnie Cole '31, the aunt of wife **Sue** (**Hibbert**), served as a Midd trustee in the late 1950s and enabled the Pine Room in the Middlebury Inn to be open to Midd women in our senior year. ✳ **Susan Long Brock** is busy redoing her townhouse in Westfield, N.J., close to her daughter and grandchildren. She gets back to Williamsburg, Va., where she formerly lived and volunteered with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, especially around the holidays. Sue also visits Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where she had a house on the water for 25 years. She's on the board of the school of one of her grandsons. ✳ **Betty Andrews**, in Pittsfield, Mass., was shaken up by the earthquake in Virginia and then had to contend with Hurricane Irene. Thankfully she had no lasting damage from either event. ✳ Ruth and **Jim Barnes** are exploring the West from their home in Glenwood Springs, Colo. Last February they went on a winter trip to Yellowstone Park, sponsored by National Geographic. They traveled the unplowed park roads in a "snow coach." Jim wrote that it was an incredible place and they saw lots of wildlife. With a group of about 25 people they watched Old Faithful. The park ranger told them that on a peak summer day they would be standing there with as many as 3,000 people. ✳ Deecy and **Ted Buhl** e-mailed from Europe. After visiting his

nephew and family in Austria, they traveled by car through Hungary, looking for interesting birds. Ted says, "Who ever knew the food would be so good in Hungary? We will both be coming back pounds heavier!" He follows sports news on his iPad, and he visited 11 cities to see 23 baseball games. Ted tries to bird whenever and wherever he can, maybe 200 days a year. ✳ Alda and **Gerry Barrington** summered in Harwich on Cape Cod, Mass. They made that a commitment last year, prior to buying a condo at the Caloosa Yacht and Racquet Club in Fort Myers, Fla. They were in Fort Myers for two months last winter. Gerry's back won't allow him to play tennis anymore and they don't own a boat. However, he may be able to sign on as crew for somebody else. For now they have no plans to sell their place in Darien, Conn. They found the 1990s pricing of the condo too attractive to pass up. Gerry writes, "If anyone is in the area, please feel free to drop by for a visit, from November through March. It's beer-thirty somewhere!" ✳ When the second financial crisis began in 2008, **Bernie Brodsky** was one of the first lawyer rehires at the FDIC. He returned to a job from which he had retired in 2001, this time telecommuting from Canton, Ohio, to Washington, and from there closing banks and conducting investigations all over. At the end of 2010 he re-retired, gained admission to the Ohio bar, and currently is in the midst of establishing a practice devoted almost exclusively to mediation and arbitration. After five years of teaching at Yale, son Seth accepted a position as an assistant professor of musicology at the Univ. of Chicago. Daughter Cordelia continues to reside in Barcelona, and son Chance was awarded a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) scholarship by the U.S. Dept. of Education to study Turkish language and literature at Bogazici University and will spend a year in Istanbul. ✳ In Maryland **Dick Wilkinson** is up to too much, working almost full time at Tipton Airport at Ft. Meade and also trying to spend as much time as possible with Robin. It's not easy because they run a feline rescue shelter on their property and the cats take up a lot of time and effort. Robin spent her summer raising kittens and bottle-feeding a three-week-old tabby. Dick is walking around well on his new right hip. The experience was remarkably positive and so much better than before. He said it was one of the better things he has done for himself. ✳ Last fall, **Loey Boon Hill** and Middlebury friend, Allen, went to see the play, *Eurydice*, in the Seeler Studio Theater at the College. She said it was fun to be there and think back to that day when the theater was dedicated and named. The space was very effective for the play, using three levels, including a hole in the floor where one of the actors appeared. They had also created a simulated underwater elevator, complete with dripping water, an interesting effect. Loey said that the theater is a great place for an intimate relationship between the audience and the actors and an interesting play. The performances for *Eurydice* were sold out with a mixed audience of some children, older folk, and students. ✳ **Vcevy Strekalovsky**'s house on Otter Creek in Weybridge, Vt., was spared any flooding from Irene thanks to the farmer's corn fields on the opposite bank. He writes, "Thank God for flood plains—can't have enough of them!" To get back to Boston after the storm, they had to go north to Burlington to get home on Rte. 89, as Routes 7, 4, and 125 were all devastated. In October Vcevy was off to Tuscany to sketch. ✳ Your other class correspondent, **Jean Seeler-Gifford**, took a cruise to Venice in March, followed by a week in Tuscany. "I wore out what was left of the cartilage in both knees, walking in Málaga, Corfu, and Dubrovnik, among other ports. I have recovered from two total knee replacements; left knee in June, right knee in August. In between I had cataract lens replacements in both eyes. Dave and I celebrated my recovery with a short Caribbean cruise in September and a longer cruise from Florida to Rome and back." ✳ Thanks for updating your class correspondents. The news from your holiday letters will appear in the next *Middlebury Magazine*.

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We continue our coverage of our glorious 50th reunion in this issue. This report, written by **Janet Reed** and **Brad Mintener**, was sent to classmates but is published here for others to enjoy. The first half appeared in the fall issue. ✳ They say that all you have after volunteers work toward a successful project or event is a "thank you," and we have a truckload. Our 50th reunion co-chairs, **Carolyn Bennett Jackson** and **Dario Quiros**, welcomed us at our class dinner in Atwater Thursday night. The dinner and a lively opening reception were hosted by President Ron Liebowitz and his wife, Jessica. Dario's "Sassy Septuagenarians" panel input about his medical and food/clothing mission flights (his piloting began with his Middlebury Flying Club days) to Haiti after the earthquake and his long-distance bike rides with his daughter and others to benefit AIDS research and prevention programs, opened our eyes during an early 9 o'clock morning kickoff to Friday's full schedule. And who would miss a repeat from an earlier reunion of that full-fare, scrumptious Sunday wrap-up class brunch full of camaraderie and friendly farewells at the beautiful hillside home of Carolyn and Will Jackson '51. The sunny morning quiches, fruits, and imbibes were complete with the cows, Mead Chapel, and the Green Mountains in our distant view from the Jackson deck. Thank you, Carolyn and Will. A glorious end to a memorable, very special weekend at our alma mater, which some of us may never see again. ✳ Our winning alumni prize-holder, awarded with the special recognition of an Alumni Plaque at the Saturday Convocation for all she does for Midd over the years and for reunion, was our classmate **Jean Rau Dawes**. Jeannie, panel moderator, and "Sassy" panelist **Mary Jo Aagerstoun** are credited with coming up with the catchy "Sassy Septuagenarian" panel title and theme of 1961 classmates who are still active but in new roles in their 70s. Jeannie, from her career as high school college adviser to volunteer mentor now for 12 disadvantaged college students, kept that first panel moving. Mary Jo earned her PhD in art history studies at the age of 65 and went on to an active life, training professional southern Florida artists in a combined art and environmental EcoArt nonprofit organization. She showed us a fascinating presentation of the artists' community art displays relating to the environmental degradation of the Everglades and other Florida watersheds. ✳ Talk about a major career change after retirement, **Doug Jocelyn** takes the cake. After many years in Hawaii, Thailand, and California as a Dole Pineapple Company executive, Doug turned to stage production and movie acting in several minor roles. With wife Joanna, a former New York stage actress, attending reunion at his side, Doug made a courageous reunion move when he made his first public announcement that he had been recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. We enjoyed being with Doug and wish him and Joanna well. ✳ And the good trooper, **Roddy Stanton**, who came on board from Montana as a late addition to the "Sassy" panel with her tales about archaeological and anthropological curatorial life in the West, while juggling her new life piloting and learning Spanish with her young spirit, deserves a few gold stars! ✳ **Peter Spalding**, former longtime foreign service officer across the globe turned divinity-degree holder, was missed. He had to cancel his panel role at reunion due to family health concerns and other commitments. Also missed was lifetime, and still full-time, TV producer with *CBS Sunday Morning*, **Judy Hole Suratt**. Judy had to cancel at the last minute from reunion and from our Saturday "Fascinating Careers" panel, due to family illness. ✳ Two other classmates who were to be panelists were not able to come to reunion due to business commitments. **Sally Dougan** has an active preretirement and transitional coaching career and also is a photography scanner of live flowers and seeds for prints she exhibits. **Sandy Schnoor Heywood** has a new position as an executive consultant for Healing Healthcare. ✳ Our Class of 1961 Memorial Service to name and remember all our deceased classmates, held in Mead Chapel, was heartrending, starting with classmates moved to light a candle on a table in the aisle at the front for each memorialized person. Thanks to all our classmate readers of each name and brief write-up of the deceased 1961 class member. And our appreciation to classmates, the Rev. **Sue Fisher Seeger**, who delivered a most moving message, the banjo solo by **Lea Cummings Kachadorian**, and prayers by Rabbi **Gerry Zelermyer**. ✳ The Friday afternoon "Staying Healthy" panel, headed by longtime Brigham and Women's Hospital surgeon **Roger Christian**, was a hit and a learning experience for a packed audience. He and **Sharon Hostler**, with her medical and academic experience at the Univ. of Virginia, updated us on a number of medical advancements and hospital safety precautions. Adding to the health mix was water-pollution watchdog and researcher **Dick Harris**. **Noel Davis** added his experience from more than 20 years in food and mountain air exposure as a dairy farmer, Adirondack Mountain Club official, and resident near Gore Mountain in New York. ✳ Our Saturday afternoon panel was a lively time covering "Fascinating Careers," including that of **Susan Drinkwater Cottrell Martin**, talking about her work with her husband, Harry Martin, here and abroad in business consulting and conflict resolution. **Gerry Zelermyer** delighted us with stories of Chaplain Charlie Scott's influence on his lifetime in religion and spiritual life. Gerry now serves communities as an interim rabbi and also helps congregations across the country with problem solving. Giving us an insider's lively insight and behind-the-headlines view into life as an oil company executive and into the current issues relating to gas prices, the environment, and other thoughts was **Bill Wallace**. His wife, skiing partner, and our classmate, **Ajka (Cebe-Habersky)**, also enjoyed reunion. ✳ Not to be forgotten were reunion class gift whips **Harvey Gray** and **Judy Starbuck Hannemann** and their calling team, helping us heap up some reunion-giving records. Our class also won the Governor McCullough Reunion Trophy Cup for the class with the highest percentage of classmates returning for reunion. We had 40 percent in attendance. ✳ Finally, responsible for the '61 class memory book, which started us all thinking seriously about returning to Middlebury

for our 50th, was the yearbook research and production gang of **Holly McKenzie**, **Sally Tingle Southard**, **Jane Cram Strekalovsky**, **Tom Consolino**, **Carolyn Bennett Jackson**, **Bob** and **Linda Place Kasvinsky**, **Janet Reed**, and **Brad Mintener**. The team worked with staffer Sue Levine both during last summer and after the fall Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf. ✳ If you want to keep in touch with and help Middlebury College, consider becoming involved with the Alumni Admissions Program. Through the major alumni high school student interviewer and evaluations initiative and efforts across the country, Ed Soh '94, Alumni Council leader, urges us to join in and volunteer our time for this program. AAP, started in 1974, now has well over 3,000 alums helping out. Contact Admissions if you are interested. AAP is worth your time, keeping you tuned in with today's bright students and also up-to-date on Middlebury. ✳ This was not your ordinary 50th reunion. It was a smash hit! We are sorry for anyone who missed all the good ole and new times. To those who could be there, thanks for coming. ✳ We have received word of the deaths of two classmates. **Donald Ruben** died on September 15 and **Gail Munson Elliott** died on September 24. **Lea Cummings Kachadorian** shares these thoughts about Gail: "She was a kind and bright light in our class, always seeming so calm when the questions got difficult. So many memories of her wisdom remain with me. I'll think of her as living, really, not of dying. May memories of her spirit remain with us." We extend our condolences to the families of Don and Gail. Obituaries for them will appear in a future issue.

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Correspondent **Judy Bosworth Roëesset** reports: I've just gotten back from the annual ALC at Bread Loaf, where this year there was a better display of fall foliage than usual and a tremendous amount of flood-water destruction on the roads all about. Usually I'm the only member of the Class of 1962 there, soaking up the mountain air, yummy food, and free-flowing wine, listening to President Liebowitz and other campus faculty talk, and sitting in awe at the panel of very accomplished students as they describe what they are doing (and coming away humbled and thinking I'd never get accepted at Midd now!). But this time around there were over a dozen of us and it was heaps of fun. We were supposed to be working on our various assigned committees but found ample time for just sitting around on the cottage porches, chatting and reminiscing. I learned a lot that I never knew or had deleted from my memory. Since there were a number of us from the same freshman corridor, we struggled to remember all the room inhabitants in the right order and I heard stories about Luscious Lucius and Mrs. Snow, which I'd been oblivious to. Where was I then? We decided we were entirely too young to be celebrating our 50th reunion, but I suppose the fact that we fled the loud music in the Barn on Saturday night and camped out on a cottage porch in rocking chairs may be some indication that indeed older age is approaching, if not having settled in already. We missed having you all there, rocking along with us, but hope that you'll make it to reunion for at least part of the festivities. I know many of you may have conflicting schedules or problems with distance or health or wonder if you'd be welcome if you hadn't actually graduated with our class, but of course you are welcome. **Pete Steinle** and **Liza Dunphy Fischer** are planning a great social schedule, which may even include a vineyard visit to a winery we visited ALC weekend. It's run by a Midd grad and his Midd daughters and might make a good alternate plan for those not wanting to play tennis or golf. The yearbook committee was very hard at work—**Susie Stevens McKibben**, **Nora "Scotti" Wright**, **Kathy McKinley Harris**, **Jane Crittenden Sommers**, **Barbara Chance Hall**, and **Anne Thornton Bridges** were there and **Jan Timmerman Abbott**, also on the committee, wasn't able to attend. **Greg Nagy**, **Pete** and Janie Bachelder '63 **Johnson**, **Chip Fisher**, **Jeremy Dworkin**, **Ken Parker**, **Carrie Kittell Hunt**, and **Pete Steinle** were also there. Imagine what fun it would have been if our numbers were multiplied by 10 or 20! We're hoping to get a huge turnout for reunion so please mark your calendars and consider—very seriously—going back to the beautiful Midd campus to reestablish contact with old classmates! ✳ **Jan Abbott** writes that their 17-day Lewis and Clark Elderhostel/Road Scholar trip reached its final point at Ft. Clatsop, 10 states and a lot of one-nighters later. She was glad to have made the trip but says they now know far more about the 1804–06 Corps of Discovery than any of their friends will want to hear! ✳ **Mattie Logan Bicknell** says that last year seemed to be a "time out" for medical problems including a hip replacement and complications following it. "The good news is I am now doing well, had a great summer, bought a kayak, and have really enjoyed it. I have a conflict reunion weekend with a big family reunion, so I'm not sure yet if I will get to the 50th." ✳ **Liza Fischer** writes, "This past summer we moved. It was the hardest thing I've had to do in my life (yes, harder than childbirth!). Larry has some memory problems so it was imperative that we leave our beloved 40 acres in Michigan and move close to my daughter and young sons in Iowa City. This summer I learned how to get rid of everything from toxic waste to tractors to scrap metal to boats to windsurfers. Amazing how anything free will disappear from the curb. We are presently renting two doors from my daughter and are looking to buy in this neighborhood. It's a tremendous relief to have done it. The neighborhood is familiar to Larry as it is the same one we left in 1985. Life is quite a circle and I am most grateful. I plan to come to our 50th and hope you all are sending in your profiles. We all have plenty to share." ✳ **Kathy Harris** sent a note about a trip she took last April. "I was fortunate enough to go to China on a trip that a friend led who had been to China over 200 times when she stopped counting. She saw to it we had a very full schedule. We were in six cities. My most significant first impression was the sheer number of people. Crowds in Tiananmen Square in Beijing were at times overwhelming. In the Forbidden City the crush of bodies was scary. I was glad I'd read Peter Hessler's *Oracle Bones* and *River Town* before my trip because otherwise I'd have been unprepared to find that little of old China remains. They're tearing down and building miles of skyscrapers and roads everywhere. The Chinese make jokes about cranes, and they mean building cranes, not birds. I found it surprising that some talked freely about the terrible times during the Cultural Revolution. Not only were the Enemies of the People—landowners, the rich, artists—sent to farms for reeducation and books and art were burned, but wild birds were destroyed. About Mao: one fact sticks. In 1949 life expectancy was 35. Now, it is 73. So not all he did was bad. China today is not a third-world country. Its roads are filled with new cars, and the people don't know how to drive. One good result from the Cultural Revolution was artists sent to farms taught farmers to paint using sticks and mud. Now, some farmers still create vibrant paintings, using primary colors, which they sell, sometimes in galleries. Our group took a five-hour boat ride on the River Li, a river where for centuries artists and poets have gone for inspiration. Unable to stop watching the changing shapes of green-covered limestone mountains, I stood on the deck the whole trip. Too fragile to support buildings, the mountains are dreamlike. Later, I, too, wrote a poem." ✳ **Will Strong** sent this note: "I'm afraid I spent a little too

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much time on the ski slopes our last year and not enough time on my academic work. The result: I didn't graduate with the Class of '62 but rather with the Class of '63 when I came back at the end of the year to take my finals. Actually the time period between June 1962 and June 1963 was great fun. I looked after our ranch in California while my parents went off on a six-month trip around the world; then, when they came home, I moved to our beach house between Ventura and Santa Barbara for the remainder of the time until I flew back to Vermont to take my finals again, pass them, and graduate. I didn't stay for the graduation ceremony but left immediately for California and the school mailed me my diploma. I retired last year after close to 40 years in international management. I'm presently in discussions with the Univ. of North Carolina, Wake Forest, and the Univ. of South Carolina about doing some lecturing in one or another or all of their graduate schools of business."

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Jan Brevoort Allen reports that the Vermont Community Foundation (established by **Lyman Orton** and family) is partnering with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture to assist the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund with assistance in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene's journey through Vermont. She and her husband Jeff have just returned from Sicily where they became acquainted with their new grandson, Kade. Sounds as though they had a joyful Italian seaside visit. ✷ More than 20 classmates gathered during the Alumni Leadership Conference in September at Bread Loaf to finalize planning for our 50th reunion June 6–9, 2013. (Save the dates!) Besides a lot of planning, we had plenty of time to socialize and also to enjoy **Craig Stewart** assisting the College dance group in their performance during the ALC awards dinner. He was a very smooth addition to the group and was a real asset. Much appreciated by all. **Chuck Burdick**, **Betty Ann Cooper Kane**, **Meg Holmes Robbins**, and **Sabin Streeter** have agreed to take charge of reunion. **Jane Bachelder Johnson** and **Susan Washburn Buckley** will head up the yearbook committee. We will certainly be hearing from these folks for assistance. Please forward creative thoughts to any of us. We will explore all ideas. The general consensus is that we do not want to overcrowd time slots that weekend, so we have plenty of time to mingle and reconnect. In the next few months you can expect phone calls, letters, etc., seeking your input. We are committed to making this a fun, rejuvenating event. In building momentum, we hear that already there have been some informal mini-gatherings. Let's keep these going on! One took place in Harpswell, Maine. Look for a photo in the spring issue. ✷ **Rex Brown** sent news about another gathering in Massachusetts: "**Pete Frame** and **Courtney Bird** hosted a reunion of fellow KDR pledge brothers at their splendid homes in Duxbury and Falmouth on September 16–18. Most attendees had not seen each other for 48 years and wondered who all the old people were. Coming in from North Carolina to act as planner, cohost, and treasurer was **Bob Pullen**, accompanied by wife Louise. Also from the Tar Heel State were **Joel Skodnick** and wife Mary. **Larry Silvester** and wife Emmalie came up from Miami; **Charlie Honsberger** and wife Phyllis drove over from New York's Finger Lakes; **Dan Donaldson** and wife Holly found their way from Buffalo; **Lyman Orton** and Janice Izzi negotiated the muddy roads of Vermont; John '61 and **Koko Hart Harris** came down from the Maine woods; **Dick Floyd** drove over from Weston, Mass.; I (Rex) flew in from Denver; New Yorker **Vera Maggia Plummer** also brightened up the party, as did **Avalin 'Lyn' Wilkins Green** and husband Gary. Festivities began Friday night in Duxbury at Pete and CeCe Frame's home, then moved to a restaurant, where people who could barely remember their own names suddenly remembered the lyrics to old Middlebury and KDR songs. Dr. Floyd reminded us that KDR was the most musical of fraternities and told us it had set him on a course of a cappella singing that continues to this day. Various toasts were offered to individuals for doing things they denied ever doing. On Saturday Pete took some people for sand-dune rides and boat trips, while others went to Plimouth Plantation, which apparently resembles Middlebury in 1959. Then vans took us all from Plymouth to Courtney and Carolyn Cooper '61 Bird's house in Falmouth for a classic and endless New England lobster boil, with the works. The night ended with hours of stories about things we did at old Midd that were dangerous and illegal and remain inadvisable today. On Sunday morning we had a brunch at the Sunset Grille at the Brookside Club and then split up and wended our ways back home. We all had a great time and concluded that classmates our age should have spontaneous reunions on any pretense whatsoever as long as they can tell stories and travel without a nurse."

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Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: When the extremely accomplished Steve Jobs was asked what he was most proud of, he responded, "My family." So, too, did **Eliot Levinson** when asked about his life since Middlebury. When not traveling for work, Eliot and wife Bryna, who works for the World Health Organization, split their time between Washington, D.C., and the Northern Neck of Virginia, where they live on the water. He describes his good life there as driving a pickup, chain sawing downed trees, raising oysters, and keeping crab traps. Eliot is a grandfather of two. His younger son now lives around the corner in D.C., after spending nine years in the Foreign Service in the Mideast. Son number one, Andrew '93, recently finished 10 years of postmedical school training and certification and is running an intensive care unit at one of the Brown Univ. Medical School teaching hospitals, where he is on the faculty. Eliot is still working as the CEO of the BLEgroup, an education-technology consulting firm composed of over 100 education decision makers, which he founded in 1996. The firm works with both school districts and the ed-tech industry in the U.S. and abroad doing planning and implementation, and providing IT services for schools. It also helps firms develop and market high-quality instructional products for K–12 schools and the change management necessary as education moves from print to digitally delivered teaching and learning. Eliot said one of the more interesting projects he has worked on was helping the College and K12.com form Middlebury Interactive Learning to provide Web-based foreign language immersion. Eliot plans on working as long as it is fun and he is healthy. He thinks the changes in education are at an early stage. Who'd want to miss that? ✷ Correspondent **Pam Nottage Mueller** reports: Since the last Midd newsletter I have seen or talked to several classmates. In May I met **Alex Connelly Huebner** in Harvard Square, where we attended a baby shower for my daughter-in-law. We were able to catch up on many fronts, including her son's move back to his childhood home in Brookline, Mass. Now Alex's offspring (children and grandchildren) are all in the Boston area—what a treat for her! ✷ Will '65 and **Lynne Webster Nalchajian** visited us at Lake Winnipesaukee in July, and they were joined by daughter Lisa's family. Since our son's family, complete with six-week-old Eliza, was there at the same time, we had three generations sharing a very small cottage. Crowded, but fun. ✷ I also caught up with Steve '62 and **Jane Bowditch Holtz** as we had planned an October date to get together with them and **Marv** and Carol Haas '65 **Kelley** for dinner and reminiscing. Since our only recent connections with them have been via yearly Christmas cards, we had a lot to talk about. ✷ In December **Sam Gordon** and his new wife, Mary Lou, joined us in Maui for a week. Bill '65 and I were hoping to show them what we love about that special place. ✷ Response to a plea for news hasn't inspired many of you, but **Nancy Thornhill Pierce** wrote to say that though she was working on a writing deadline, my note reminded her of the Women's Breakfast that **Kelly Paullin Will** and I (and probably others I can't remember) set up at the Middlebury Inn during our 45th reunion weekend. She called it "one of the most rewarding things I did all that year," and since I agree with her we will have to be sure to put such an event on the calendar for our 50th. ✷ Although she admitted that she didn't think she had much to share (an all-too-common belief among our classmates, I fear), **Barb Bailey Hollister** described a fabulous trip she and **Tom** took to Switzerland this past fall. "We did a lot of walking and marveled at the beautiful scenery and gorgeous flowers, which are everywhere. Thanks to a Swiss Rail Pass, we did the trip entirely on public transportation and were very impressed with how clean and punctual all the buses, trains, and boats were." It seems that they were in Europe just as our river cruise down the very shallow Danube in Eastern Europe landed Bill and me on a sand bar for two days. Clearly not as reliable as those Swiss trains. In her e-mail Barb also inquired about how to go about donating an Arthur Healey painting to the College. Like us (and many of you I suspect), she and Tom are in the process of downsizing, as she says, "trying to find good homes for stuff we no longer want or need, rather than just dumping things into the trash." Since in April Bill and I moved from an 11-room home of 40 years to a considerably smaller condo, I can relate to these sorts of thoughts. Regardless of our best intentions though, our new basement is now full of things we just couldn't part with, many in boxes I have yet to open! I suspect that doing so will probably fall to our three children! ✷ As a new class correspondent I am realizing how much fun it is to catch up with folks I haven't talked to in decades. Please take the plunge and send me a quick e-mail—try it and I guarantee you'll like it! ✷ **Sandi Hazen Bodine** sent an e-mail. She writes, "I'm living in Summerville, S.C., about 20 miles from Charleston. Charlie and I retired here from teaching and trust banking in Charlotte, N.C. We had done our downsizing, which was a very good thing, as we moved here in November 2005 and Charlie died in February of 2006 after a three-week illness. I was devastated by the loss of my husband and best friend. Widowhood is a very different journey. My son and family live in Mt. Pleasant

(close by) and my daughter and husband live in Wilmington, N.C. I keep busy volunteering at church and at the elementary schools, and I recently returned from a 14-day trip to Europe (before the riots in London)! **Diana Sargent Heaton** and I keep in touch via e-mail and **Gordie** and **Cindy Petersen Bingham** keep me up to date on their doings. Have not been to any recent reunions as the timing was off. Would love to see anyone visiting the Charleston area. It's really quite lovely here. I'm in the phone book."

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Correspondent **Polly Moore Walters** reports: We had many classmates checking in with a quick "no news, just heading out to my high school 50th reunion," so we must all be busy this year catching up with those friends we had back when we were 18-year-olds! "**T**" went to his, and I went to mine, a 10-day event celebrating Punahou's Class of '61, back in June—Hawaii is a grand place for a reunion! I hope you are all gathering great ideas to help us with our Middlebury 50th in June of 2015. ✳ Very bright news comes from **Martha Saenz** who reports, "Life is good!" She and Ted Turner, whom we got to know at our last reunion, finally tied the knot on July 30th. Congratulations! ✳ Another new American was greeted joyously by **Bill** and Pam Nottage '64 **Mueller** who also said, "Finally!" Their granddaughter and first grandchild, Eliza Lothrup Mueller, was welcomed into the family in May. Bill and Pam's daughter-in-law took a 90-day maternity leave, and Bill writes, "In the old days, my old partner would say, 'She should have had the baby on the weekend so she could be to work on Monday.' He was a real softy!" ✳ Late last August the Wolfeboro, N.H., cross-country ski area dedicated a new trail in memory of the late **Jerry Thayer**. Jerry served as a select-board member for the town and, together with wife Candy, was very active in a myriad of town activities. His grandson, Essex, christened the boulder marking the trail by pouring a can of frothy beer (guess what brand?) over it. ✳ Sad news reached us from Chicago where we learned that **Gail Tideman Murphy**'s husband John died in June. Our sympathies go out to her and the family. ✳ And lastly more sad news: **Ann Gruhn** lost her long and courageous battle with cancer on September 18. A Sigma Kappa at Middlebury, Ann went on to earn a master's degree from NYU; she spent most of her career with IBM Corp. where she held a number of technical and management positions. With husband Peter Franaszek (an honorary class member at this point) by her side, Ann was a classy and indefatigable supporter of all things Middlebury, working on just about every fund-raising and reunion event since graduating. Ann will, indeed, be missed by us all. An obituary will appear in a future issue.

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"What a wonderful tribute to **Hunter Stone**, Ward! Thanks for that," wrote **Kay Patterson Rodriguez Sider** last August about **Ward Whipple**'s memories of our late classmate. She went on to say, "We're still kicking out here on the West Coast. I leave tomorrow morning to serve as a volunteer interpreter at a Rotary-sponsored weeklong cleft palate surgery campaign in Antigua, Guatemala. Got some butterflies going about that but also looking forward." After the Rotary campaign, Kay and husband Ed planned to travel for two weeks in Guatemala—"that beautiful and troubled country where I was a Peace Corps volunteer so long ago." Back in Seattle, Kay and Ed are "up to five grandchildren and holding." Kay mentioned that she had had dinner with Alex Taylor '67 while he was in Seattle for a meeting. **Kathy Baker Worden** and Kay get their two-year-old grandkids together from time to time. "Life is good; I'm blessed," writes Kay. "Best to all." ✳ **Polly Brown** missed last June's reunion because she was sailing in the Swedish archipelago—"a fabulous place with warm and friendly people and lots to see." Living in Vineyard Haven, Mass., Polly is a retired attorney, but is very active, "as we all are," she notes. She's on the board of the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and founded Vineyard Village at Home, which is modeled after Beacon Hill Village. Its mission is to bring whatever assistance is needed to seniors to enable them to continue living safely at home as they age. Vineyard Village at Home finds people and agencies that will provide services like taking trash to the dump and providing home health aides, personal chefs, repair people, and the like. "The most often requested service is transportation," Polly says, "so we have a good corps of volunteer drivers who take our members not only to medical appointments and shopping but also to cultural, educational, and social events. We have member functions fairly frequently. It's helping to keep some of the characters of the Vineyard here, where their friends are and where they have molded the community. It's people conservation, and very rewarding." Polly sees **Debby Hubbard Morelli** and **Nick van Nes** occasionally. "There are at least five of our classmates on the Vineyard, all leading our separate lives." Polly takes as many opportunities as she can to sail. "This is a great place for me to live!" ✳ "It's hard to deliver an overview of my life and its various paths in a brief fashion," writes **Leslie Anderson Curchack**, "but I'll try." When Leslie left Middlebury, she spent a year in India on a Fulbright, and that led her to California to continue her studies of Indian classical music with Ali Akbar Khan. As she developed a career through the '70s and '80s performing and teaching on her sitar, she met her husband (now ex), and they raised their two children in Petaluma, Calif. Leslie continues, "We spent the late '80s in Dallas, Texas, where Fred still teaches at the university, and I got a graduate degree in psychology. When we separated, I returned to Petaluma and developed a career as a family therapist. I still practice as a therapist, in private practice and as a social worker for Hospice of Petaluma. My two children live nearby, and there's a lovely granddaughter as part of the clan now." When she's not working, Leslie hikes, kayaks, gardens, plays her sitar, and photographs the mystery and beauty of nature. "Recently I've been producing an eco calendar each year, with my photos, inspirational quotes, and messages for earth stewardship. I donate the profits to an excellent environmental group. If anyone would like to see my work, my website is www.earthlovinglens.com." Leslie sends warm regards to all of her old friends at Middlebury. ✳ **Lee Hall Delfausse** played tennis in the 2011 Friendship Cup on a team with other Midd alums. See a photo on page 72. ✳ Please visit our Class of 1966 group page, available at www.facebook.com/middleburycollege. We have photos from both our earlier reunions and our 45th. Feel free to post some more!

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Correspondent **Susie Davis Patterson** reports: We made excellent progress on planning our 45th reunion for June 8–10 at Alumni Leadership Weekend at Bread Loaf in September. In conjunction with the Development Office, we're working on a Big Idea—a five-year fund-raiser to culminate at our 50th and be dedicated to establishing an annual Robert Frost lecture/poetry reading on campus as well as restoring a little cabin near Bread Loaf that Frost used as an almost secret getaway when he wanted to not be disturbed. More information will be shared as it progresses via our class Facebook group "Middlebury," and in a reunion newsletter over the winter. Please mark your calendars for the reunion date, and contact me if you have ideas, requests, or can help us have another wonderful reunion. ✳ **Wendy Pohlman Mickle** writes, "We're still traveling quite a bit. Last spring, purely for pleasure, we went hiking in Patagonia for two weeks in the Torres del Paine National Park in Chile and Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina then spent a week in lovely Buenos Aires and another week on a small boat in the Galápagos. I'm very involved as chair of Global Fundamentals, a fund advisory committee at our family foundation that makes grants for clean water in the developing world. It's fascinating work and so heartening to be doing something positive for others. Some of our travel is for site visits to projects we've helped fund—they're the most fun. We've visited grantees' projects in Honduras, Bangladesh, and Ethiopia and have learned a great deal about the many different considerations, both technical and cultural, that need to be made for a project." ✳ **Jon Berger** has written a wonderful memoir of his Peace Corps experience in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Peace Corps. Jon starts with his Middlebury experience, feeling he was in "a glass box," quite disconnected and alienated from his studies and campus life at Middlebury. As part of his training to go to Upper Volta in West Africa, he spent the summer of 1967 in a total immersion French language program at Dartmouth College, taught by a professor Jon has designated "the Jedi Master." John Rassias's teaching method was a perfect match for Jon, and that experience changed his life. Of course, his two years in Upper Volta was pretty life changing and life expanding, too. Jon's voice comes through every sentence of his memoir, making it a great read. The weekend of Sept 23–24, Jon attended the anniversary celebrations for the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C. He spent considerable time that weekend with **Wendy Gladstein Singley**, who served at the same time and in the same country as Jon. Wendy met her husband, who also served in the Peace Corps, while in Upper Volta. Jon and I (Susie) could only come up with two other classmates we think served in the PC: **Judy Pierpont** and **Susan Freier Geisenheimer**. We'd love to hear from them or others who served. ✳ Even though Vermont suffered great damage from Tropical Storm Irene and torrential rains from the remnants of Lee at the end of August, the Women of '67 persevered to gather in Stowe (relatively

unscathed) on the very next weekend for our fall 2011 gathering. Our hostess, **Clare Tweedy McMorris**, provided a wonderful locale just below Spruce Peak, and **Freddie Mahlmann** took us on a tour of the new hotel and base lodge at Spruce on Sunday morning. On Saturday 12 women hiked from the Lake Mansfield Trout Club up Nebraska Notch to eat our Trader Joe lunches, brought all the way from NYC by **Marion Boultbee**, at Taylor Lodge on the Long Trail. That fairly steep hike wasn't enough for **Jervis Lockwood Anderson**, so seven of us carried on, doing a tricky and rough climb through boulders and down a scary ladder into a gulch on the Clara Bow trail before circling back on the Long Trail to Taylor Lodge. A swim in icy Lake Mansfield for several of us finished off an "Ironwoman" day. Sunday afternoon some finished off the perfect weekend with a bike ride on the Stowe bike path. Enjoying being together and sharing our thoughts and activities are the best parts of these gatherings, now a tradition for 29 years. Attending this year, in addition to those already mentioned, were **Sue Schweickert Macy**, **Kathie Towle Hession**, **Carol Collin Little**, **Sue Rugg Parmenter**, **Gay Shaw Regan**, **Karen Unsworth**, **Helen Martin Whyte**, **Judy Pierpont**, and me (**Susie**). ✳ **Carroll Mullis Buttolph** couldn't join us this year for our Women of '67 gathering because she now lives in Denver, Colo. (to be near children and grandchildren), but she got an e-mail discussion started about Middlebury parents of our class. She, and others, would be interested in hearing from '67 classmates whose parent(s) went to Middlebury. Carroll says, "Three of us, **Sue Stafford Mohr**, **Joanne Hall Johnston**, and I had mothers who were in the Class of 1938. Sue and I lost our mothers this year at the age of 93. The group of women who graduated in that class were indeed extraordinary women and MANY of them lived or are still living well into their 90s. It has been my privilege to know many of them. Two summers ago I received a picture of at least 15 of the ladies that were hale and hearty enough to attend a Women of '38 reunion. What beautiful women they were and oh, the doors they opened and roads they paved for the women who came after them. We certainly are a long way from our 90s, but it will be interesting to see how many of us are still gathering and exchanging stories and adventures at that stage of our lives." (Note from Susie: Joanne's mother is still active, living at Wake Robin in Shelburne, Vt., and a favorite of everyone living there. I know because whenever I go there, I have only to ask the first person I see where Tommy Hall might be, and they always break into a huge smile and know exactly where to direct me.) ✳ Carroll's story got a big response from **Karen Unsworth**: "My parents were in the Class of '41. They met freshman year and dated off and on until 1944, when my dad was in the service and decided that it was finally time for marital action! The marriage lasted 66 years, until Dad died last December. As a very self-absorbed 17-year-old in 1963, I was more embarrassed than proud that I was the product of two alumni. However, as I have been reading the obituaries in *Middlebury Magazine* for the past 45 years, I've noticed that many of us have parents or other relatives who are alums. My mother was no feminist heroine; her working years were devoted to raising four kids (all of whom now have a master's degree) and to being a gofer for my father's business. But she had come a long way, baby! Her own mother had an eighth-grade education, and her father was a draftsman. When my mother was at Middlebury, all the women had to take Home Ec. My mother often remarked that it was by far the most useful thing she took in college. And considering that the women of her generation would spend a lot of time entertaining their husbands' friends and clients, it probably was."

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Several of our classmates have received honors lately. After 14 years in front of the camera at WCAX-TV in Burlington, Vt., and after receiving numerous awards for his reports, **Andy Potter** recently retired. Soon afterwards, it was announced that he was going to be inducted into the Vermont Assoc. of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. You may remember that Andy began his radio career at Midd at WRMC. After graduating and serving in Vietnam, he worked at several radio stations in Vermont before beginning his TV career. ✳ On November 5, **Bill McCollom** was inducted into the Vermont Alpine Racing Association Hall of Fame. Bill has a long history of ski racing in Vermont, including racing in the Mid Vermont Council as a youngster, on the Mid Vermont State Team, and at Middlebury, where he was a captain and one of the top alpine skiers in the East. After graduating, he stayed active in Vermont skiing, including helping to found the Killington Mountain School. In 1998 he began writing for *Ski Racing Magazine* and now he also coaches the Woodstock Union High School ski team. He still races, competing on the NE Masters circuit. ✳ A fellow biology major with **Barbara Ensminger Stoebenau** and myself (**Ben Gregg**) and my fraternity brother, **North Shetter** was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists at its 82nd annual convocation in Las Vegas, Nev., on October 10 for his conspicuous service rendered to the art and science of dentistry. North graduated in 1972 from the Univ. of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and has been practicing in Menominee, Mich., since 1975. Now semiretired, he spends much of his time doing volunteer work for the development committee of a local foundation, the Marinette and Menominee Area Community Foundation, as well as doing some volunteer work with local schools in the Menominee area. North also stays active as a private pilot. As we've reported in the past in our class notes, for 30 years North has done numerous projects in Jamaica, for the betterment of dental health throughout that country. Congratulations to all these classmates! ✳ **Nancy Brooks Richardson** wrote to us with a story: "In mid-September, while attending a hockey-goal shoot-out at Boston's TD Garden with daughter Susanna '95, whose oldest child Sam was participating, I discovered the man in charge of the event was **Ron De Gregorio**. He was a goalie for Midd's hockey team. He has continued to have hockey at the center of his life—we hear his name on sports TV around here, as a commentator and game analyst. Turns out he is the president of USA Hockey, which is the organization that supports youth hockey nationally. I was able to speak to him briefly: 'Ron De Gregorio? Middlebury 1968?' 'Yes!' 'Nancy Brooks Richardson, also class of '68.' 'My gosh, hi!' 'Come to our next reunion!' 'When is it?' 'In two years—I'll let you know.' 'Thanks, nice to see you.' That was the entire conversation. He was very, very busy, and Sam had gone down to defeat by missing three goals, so we were leaving to go home. It was fun to connect, even so briefly, with a classmate I hadn't seen once since college days."

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Correspondent **Peter Reynolds** reports: Since earning his master's at UNH early this century, **Sam Forter** has been teaching English in Oaxaca, Oaxaca in Mexico. ✳ **Howie Richmond** has retired from his law practice. He and his wife are enjoying their grandchildren and their condo on the Sea of Cortez, and they continue to run The Wildwood Cattle Company. Check him out on Facebook. ✳ I ran into **Dave Bahnson** and wife Linda at Vergennes' signature Memorial Day parade. Dave is medically retired from his orthopedic practice in Rutland. He now is a daring flight instructor at Rutland Airport. ✳ **Jason "Harry" Carey** has retired from his longtime math position at Middlebury Union High. In his retirement, he teaches half time at the same place. ✳ The Reynolds family had a wonderful celebration at our eldest daughter's wedding near her home in Woods Hole, Mass. Sarah is an independent audio journalist and investigator. Her wife is a Web architect. The only other Midd alum in attendance was her brother, Tim '09, a professional cross-country skier. ✳ Clearly these are not our parents' retirements, weddings, or careers. Can we children of the '60s claim credit for this? ✳ Correspondent **Anne Harris Onion** reports: **Wendy Cole** is now retired from flying and loving it, but says she is still "missing those wonderful layovers all over Europe. I'm still doing a lot of travel—a dive trip to Hawaii in September with my daughter, who is a criminal defense attorney in Salt Lake City, a week in Puerto Vallarta. I hiked Antelope, Rattlesnake, and Sheepshead canyons near Page, Ariz., on the Navajo Reservation and spent three amazing weeks in Bali in June. I'm working on my bucket list! I skied 40 days last year, which is pretty good for a girl who used to pray the ski bus wouldn't make it up the mountain during my PE ski classes at Middlebury!" She still gets together once a year with **Elinor Livingston Redmond**, **Julia Lord Soule**, **Jackie Ogden English**, and **Lynn Markham Beebe**, most recently in Magog, Quebec. ✳ **Elinor Redmond** is in her third year of beekeeping. "I harvested 24 gallons of honey from two hives this past summer and split a hive so that I now have three colonies of bees." She enjoys volunteering with Hospice of Southern Maine. "We have a hospice house here that provides end-of-life care for patients and wonderful support for their families. Dan and I are having fun taking courses at our local 'Senior College.' The most recent one was a course on Winston Churchill. Dan has been golf club president for the past two years (and on the board for three years). That was an intense job. We've also been gardening and grandparenting. What could be better?" ✳ **Susie Cummings Goodin** completed her PhD at UC–Berkeley's Graduate School of Education in 2011. She says, "I'm consulting on literacy projects and building and running a small high school library as a volunteer (the subject of my dissertation)." Husband Rob continues in his law partnership, enjoying the challenges each new case brings. Their four daughters keep them busy trying to keep up, with Kate doing a fellowship studying Arabic in Cairo, Sarah getting an art degree, Rebecca teaching second grade in Oakland, and Amanda lawyering for Earth Justice in Seattle. ✳ **Wayne Swift** writes that he now goes by Will. He's maintaining two psychotherapy practices as he splits his time between

NYC (three days a week) and upstate New York where he and his partner own a historic home and gardens in Columbia County. Like many of us, he is enjoying several grandchildren: "I adore being a grandfather and wish they were not across the country in Mill Valley, Calif. Thank God for Skype. I am now writing my third presidential biography. *Pat and Dick*, the story of the Nixons' 53-year marriage, will be published by Simon & Schuster in 2013. Now and then I watch the birds in the garden." ✷ Mention of Skype made me (**Anne**) hark back to the 1964 World's Fair where I saw the idea that someday one would be able to phone another and actually see them at the same time! Incredulous, I could not imagine how that would ever be possible! Nor, when the Beatles sang "When I'm 64" could I imagine being here! I am blessed to have my ever-interesting job as a high school guidance counselor still and the fascination of watching two new lives unfold in parallel as our twin granddaughters approach their first birthday. ✷ **Ginny Hopper Hoverman** writes that she is now working as training and development manager for Goodrich Corp., an aerospace and defense company in Vergennes, Vt., conducting workshops like Leading with Accountability, Crucial Conversations, Continuous Improvement, and Death by Meeting. It's interesting work, involves travel about one week per month, and definitely keeps her on her toes. Husband **Jim** is night manager for Vermont Sun Fitness in Middlebury but his real love is golf. They enjoy traveling together—recent trips include Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park and they are headed to Costa Rica this winter. They also enjoy time with the families of Ginny's two children and their four grandchildren! Daughter Heather (Mead) '95, husband Phil, and children Lizzie (9) and Alex (6) are thriving in Massachusetts. Son Christopher, wife Katie, and children Molly (3) and Carter (2 mos.) are doing well, also.

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Judy Lelchook writes, "This past summer I—as the lead mental health worker from the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross—got deployed to Tennessee and then Louisiana to deal with tornado and then flood victims. The people of faith in Tennessee taught us lots and ditto the victims of Louisiana's swollen waters. It was very humbling, but I think we did a little bit to help families who lost everything! I also accompanied my mother to Israel: it's five years since my youngest brother was killed by a katyusha rocket as he was riding back from securing the citrus during the 2006 war. They have a national mini-baseball tournament annually in his honor—or memory now. This year there were more first-time players of all races and from all over the country. It was wonderful to see—but as my 87-year-old mother says, 'If only they didn't have to inaugurate this because he died!' I do believe I will never complete my PhD in health policy. It has been a great academic ride, however, especially with what is going on now across the country." ✷ **Bill Wallace** writes, "Wife Suzanne and I hosted Teresa and **Tom DeRogatis** at our home on Nantucket Island this past August. They were back East settling in daughter Talia at Wesleyan. As Coach Duke Nelson '32, that great orator would say, "We had, ***but***, a great time catching up over dinner at the Summer House in 'Sconset." ✷ **Gerry Rowland** updated us on Facebook: "From memory lane—after I dropped out of Midd in 1970, my first job was helping to organize a protest against the nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vt. This actually took place on the first Earth Day, April 22, 1970. We had several hundred people march out to the construction site and say unflattering things about the dangers of nuclear power. The plant was built but its safety is still a matter of concern. Earth Day became a global force. And now Midd is one of the coolest Green Schools. I'm proud to be Class of 1970 and pleased to donate to the library every year." ✷ **Jim Hand** writes from Manchester, Vt., "Everyone in the Jim Hand family is doing fine, including wife Marilyn (Frison) '73 and our three children, Thomas '05, Jamie '08, and Elizabeth '09. Of note to me recently as a proud father and old Midd grad was the day this past summer when Thomas and I helped the very successful Solar Decathlon team by demonstrating how to properly insulate the house they had entered in the national competition. Thomas owns and runs a small company called Hand Energy Services that specializes in auditing and retrofitting residential and commercial buildings. In addition to the time he spent instructing the students he was also able to secure a large donation of cellulose insulation material from one of his suppliers for the project. We couldn't have been more proud of the Middlebury team's success. (See the story about the Solar Decathlon team on page 38.) Those are the days that I find most rewarding for me now. Best to you all." ✷ **Lynda Basehore Cioci** and Steve Kohl '71 paid a visit to **Ginger Ward** during the first weekend of October at her Falls Church, Va., home. During their visit they toured the Solar Decathlon exhibit in Washington and were on hand to see the Midd team rocket from 9th place to 4th overall, when they took FIRST place in the final segment of the competition: marketability! All were proud of the really impressive entry by the Middlebury team! ✷ **Diantha Bartlett Howard** writes, "We recently celebrated the marriage of our daughter to a young man she met while studying abroad in Denmark. I enjoyed learning a little Danish to converse with members of his family. It was great to have Debbie Bailey '71 there, to visit with and help with the festivities." ✷ **Dave Desrochers** sent this update from Bath, N.C.: "I will be retiring, once again, this time from Dartmouth where I have been as a radiologist for eight years. What a fantastic hospital that is, too. After that, Elsa (Parrington) '71 and I will probably be taking care of our son's young children. He and his wife are both Annapolis grads and career naval officers. Right now he is on a carrier in the Persian Gulf and she will be going on a different carrier next year. We look forward to being parents of young ones again. Isn't that a great start to a retirement? Best to all." ✷ **Rebecca Lee Samanci** sent this update: "I'm doing a holistic health school to become a health coach and I specialize in chronic mercury poisoning. Please visit my new website at rebeccasamanci.com." ✷ **Sue Ellen Thompson** writes from Connecticut and Maryland, "We are victims of both the real estate and employment crises. For four years, we had been trying to sell our house in Mystic, Conn. Then **Stuart** (**Parnes**) lost his job at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, but within a few months was asked to return to Connecticut as head of the Connecticut Humanities Council, a dream job he has always wanted. Because we have fallen in love with Oxford, Md., our new home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and knew that we probably couldn't sell that house, either, we made the decision to try living separately: he moved back into our big, empty Mystic house and I stayed here in Oxford. We travel back and forth once a month to see each other—it's not an ideal situation, but it beats moving again and it beats being unemployed. Our hope is that in two more years, we will be able to sell the Mystic house and retire to Oxford. Together!" ✷ **Barry Sullivan** writes, "I spent the fall semester teaching and doing research in comparative constitutional law at the Univ. of Alberta, where I was the Fulbright Canada Visiting Research Chair in Legal Studies. There's actually a nice piece on the Law Faculty website: www.law.ualberta.ca/news_events/FulbrightAward_Sullivan." ✷ **Jack Rudnick** sent this update from Skaneateles, N.Y.: "I was the general counsel at Welch Allyn, a medical device company in Skaneateles, and we spun off a company, Blue Highway, in 2008 to do advanced technology research and deliver 'intellectual capital' back to our parent. I went with the new company. Now, as of July 1, Blue Highway has been sold to Syracuse Univ., so while we continue to deliver innovative products to Welch Allyn, we are free to do much more. With SU as our parent we will also focus on their research and assist the transfer of technology into the marketplace. We intend to create more spin-offs and help with our area's economic development. So, for me it's a new job but doing the same old stuff, which really isn't old. I have also resumed my adjunct faculty position at the SU law school, except now I assist with the technology commercialization program." ✷ **Meg Floyd McCann** reports, "I went to Liberia for two weeks in May with a group from my church to establish a partnership with the Bromley Episcopal Mission School for girls. The country has made great strides in its recovery from the civil war (although bombed-out buildings are visible everywhere). Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Leymah Gbowee richly deserve the Nobel Peace Prize."

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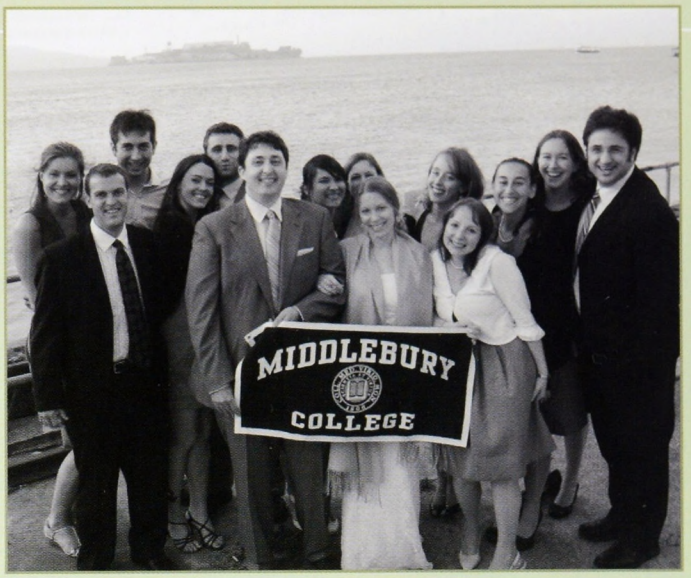
For those of us who don't live in Vermont, it's hard to fully grasp what happened there during Tropical Storm Irene. Vast amounts of water flowing downhill fast in hill country can really tear things up. Middlebury and most of the Champlain Valley escaped the worst, but nearly every river and stream in the state flooded. Roads and bridges were destroyed, and a dozen or more towns were rendered inaccessible in the days after the storm. Here are a few on-the-ground reports from our classmates. ✷ A joint report came from **Francie Marbury** and **Brent Seabrook,** who live in Marlboro, in the southeast corner of the state. Francie writes, "On August 28, I drove to the hospital in Burlington to see my new grandson, Liam, born the night before to daughter Anneke and husband Patrick. As I drove, I learned from the radio that Auger Hole Road in Marlboro was being evacuated. When I arrived, Liam was snuggled on Anneke's chest and Patrick was lying next to her on the bed—everyone happy, calm, and relaxed and Anneke looking as if she was ready for a walk in the park. Imagine focusing on the delight of a new baby while in the background the radio and TV are reporting flooding and destruction. I was schizophrenic all week as I tried to give Anneke and Liam my full attention and, at the same time, figure out what was going on at home. Power was out in all of Marlboro, and many houses lost phone service, too (cell phone reception is always spotty). Even two weeks later, some of the hardest-hit areas remained without phones. Many roads washed out and people were stranded for days until the folks with dump

Preparing for their 60th reunion, members of the Class of 1953 held their second mini-reunion at Bill and Jan Schongar Wagner's home in the backwoods of New Hampshire in August: Roger May, Nana Dean Kennedy, Jan, Bob Parker, (second row) Link Furber and Bill.



On June 26, 2010, Megan Guffin '06 and Andrew Barriger '06 were married in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, Calif. Celebrating with the couple at Fort Mason were (all '06 unless noted) Jon Larson, the newlyweds, Liz Braunstein, (second row) Molly Cable, Andrew Harger, Cassie Crawford '04, Tony Piacenza, Jackie Marsh, Becca Kaufman, JennyBess Cass Dulac '07, Shimrit Paley, Megan Hickey, and Brian Abend.

Alison Kling '99 married Dave Marino on July 10, 2010, in Kennebunkport, Maine. The couple was happy to be surrounded by friends from Middlebury: (all '99 unless noted) Ben Livermore '98, Annie Holzman, Sarah Florenz, the newlyweds, Megan Reilly Padilla, Dana Gibson, Stephanie Parker, Shannon Larsen, and Nina Gawne Ward.

In Newport, R.I., Botum Bou, MA English '07 married Andrew James Bennett, MA English '09 on June 6, 2010, in a beach ceremony that combined Cambodian and American wedding traditions.

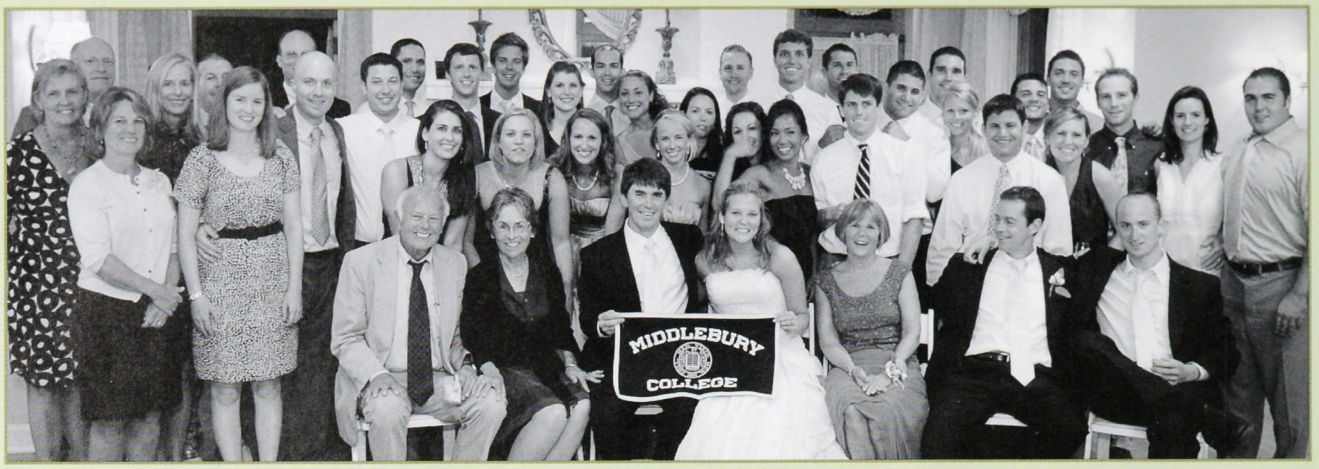
In Mead Chapel on the Middlebury College campus, Sonali Desai '03 and Seth Zoracki '03 were married on July 17, 2010. Midd friends from the Class of 2003 joined them: Jessica Warren Kyle, Lauren Brierley, Eliza Miller-Ricci Kempton, Katie MacDonald Spencer, the newlyweds, Naomi Andrews, Sarah Weston, (second row) Hamil Pearsall, Janine Knight-Grofe, Mel Mac, Dr. Larry Yarbrough (religion), Terrence Burek, Brendan Snowden, Thomas Bambrick, and Andrew Zimmermann.

Middlebury alumni and parents gathered this past summer under the blue skies and beautiful peaks of Montana with President Liebowitz in a very well-attended event hosted by Ken Wilson P'01,'03 at his ranch.

Members of the Class of 2001 gathered during their 10th reunion to remember classmate Daniel J. Stark at the memorial tree planted in Daniel's honor outside of his Battell dorm room: Katie Bender Commons, Ashley Elicker, Jameson Tweedie, Brent Boscarino, Corey Wilk, Kate Griffiths Wilk, Kristen Sylva Capodilupo, Leslie Fox Arnould, Matt Arnould, (second row) Peter Commons, Brian Arcese, Chris Cheang, David Cohen, Tim Boarini, Peter Day, Chris Paul, Nick Reeb, Matt Markowski, Erin Sussman Peschiera, Bob Bryan, Jason Ienner, Sco Peschiera, and Kelvin Roldan.

On July 17, 2010, friends and family gathered for the wedding of Michael Stahler '03 and Jennifer Wlodarski in Belfast, Maine, with a sunset reception at the Point Lookout Resort: Nick Hinge '92, Amy Wlodarski '97, the newlyweds, Story Parker Schildge '03 with Dougie, Ronald Schildge '03, and Abbie Beane '04.

Katherine Robinson '02 married Finn Yarbrough on October 3, 2010, at home on their farm in Ferrisburgh, Vt.



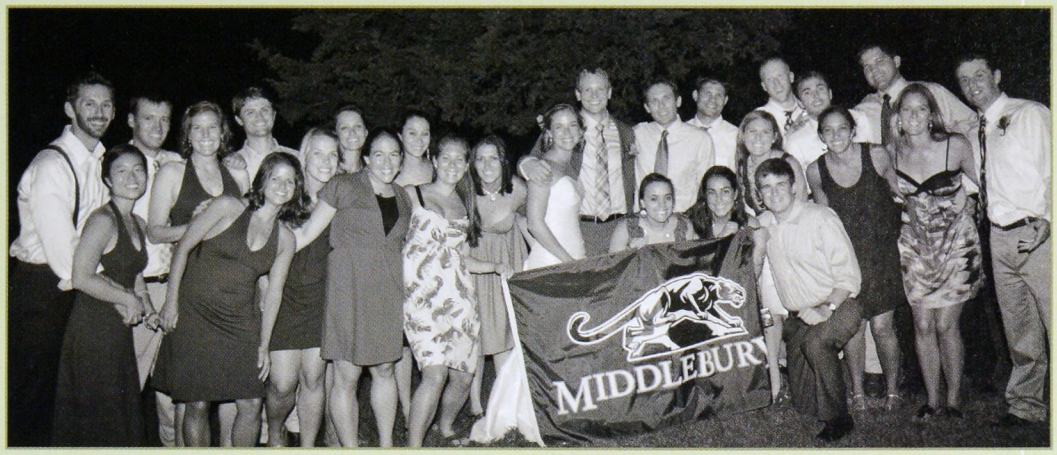
On August 21, 2010, Heather Wright '06 married Brian Vickery '05 at the Lilac Inn in Brandon, Vt. Many Middlebury friends and family were on hand to celebrate with the couple: (all '06 unless noted) John Hanson, former director of admissions, Ann Hanson, former dean of student affairs, the newlyweds, Mary Porter Wright '79, John Wright '79, David Riester '05, (second row) Martha Ann Underhill '07, Micaela McVary, Katie Fehsenfeld Dillon, Caitlin Flint Walsh, Maryanne Verzosa, Nick Lefeber '08, Pat Zomer '05, Alli Williams Zomer '05, (third row) Carol Morrison Bingham '81, Hallie Parker Prescott '03, John Prescott '03, Andrew Pavoni, Geoff Dillon, Jen Yerigan Mortensen, Gloria Velez, Kate Kogut, Liz Yale-Loehr, Alex Casnocha, Dev Talvadkar '05, Whitney Boglioli, Dom DiDomenico, Justin Lindenmayer '05, Ellie Parker Lindenmayer '05, Alejandro Miranda, (fourth row) Gretchen Hund '79, Steve Voorhees '79, Carol Bracken Clemency '79, John Clemency '77, Bob Bingham '81, Russ Budnick '05, Justin Wright '08, David Nicholson, Chris Fraser '04, Tyler Bak, Bryan Lodigiani '05, and Ryan Armstrong. Missing from photo: David White '77.

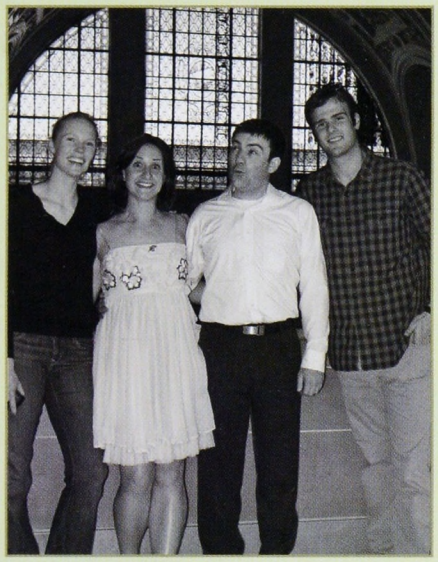
Paul Shull '01 and family met up with Matt Wilson '03 and family for a picnic on the Washington (D.C.) Mall: Amanda Shull with Leigh Scott Wilson, Charles Shull, Amanda Wilson, Matt with Wyatt Shull, and Paul with Elyse Shull.

Four Middlebury women competed in tennis on the 2011 Friendship Cup Team for the U.S. in June at the Beverly (Mass.) Golf and Tennis Club. The U.S. beat Canada 19-3. Helping in the win were Edie Macausland Mabrey '76, Bessie Cromwell Speers '86, Gail Smith, associate director emerita of athletics, and Lee Hall Delfausse '66.

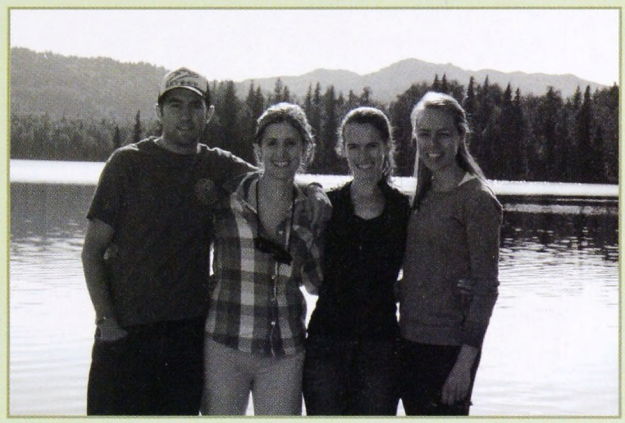
Kevin Sullivan '04 and Kate Stamper '04 were married in Seattle, Wash., on August 27, 2010, on a day of rare summer sunshine! Middlebury family and friends included (all '04 unless noted) Andrew Martel, Julia Basso, Jenelle Slavin-Mulford, the newlyweds, Michael Yedinak, Chris Howell, Kirsten Thomas, Ted Lester '05, Chesley Thurber, Alyse Forrest Thurber '06, Sarah Goodwin, Erin Sullivan, and Christopher Sullivan '00.

Christine Bolger '07 and Kevin Bright '06 were married on August 14, 2010, in Prior Lake, Minn. A large crew of Middlebury friends joined them for the celebration: Marion Min-Barron '02, Erin Pittenger '07, Kacie Sherman '07, Erin Oliver '07, Meg Weber '07, Abby Kurtz-Phelan '07, the newlyweds, Elise Tarbi '08, Alex Citrin '07, Alex Garlick '08, Allie Williams Zomer '05, Lilly Knopman '06, Emily Egan Allen '06, Ed Allen '06, (second row) Ethan Barron '01, Simon Perkins '05, Els Van Woert '05, David Jackson '06, Caitrin Abshere '07, Laura Kwoh '07, Chip Sherwood '08, Pat Zomer '05, Cole Parlin '06, Mark Loper '06, and Ari Beilin '06.



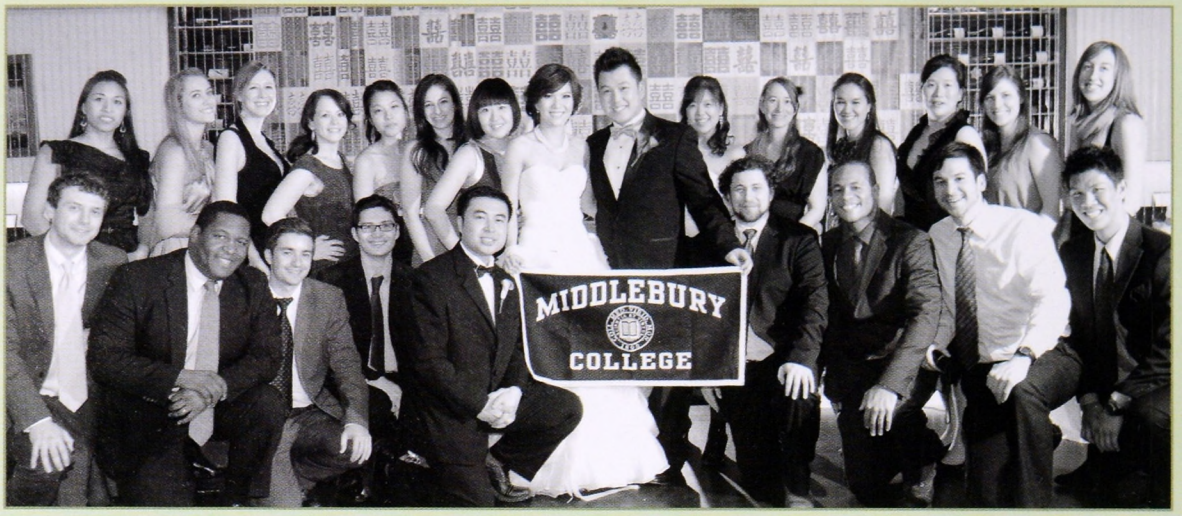


Emily McNeil '06 was married to Andrew Moylan at San Francisco City Hall on October 8, 2010. Friends Janie Mackey '06 and Zach Foster '06 were in attendance with the newlyweds (center).



A group from the Class of 2008 met up in Anchorage, Alaska, for a week, enjoying a mini-reunion in the land of the midnight sun: Eli Menaker, Becca Richardson, Talia Lincoln, and AnnMarie Wesolowski.

Electra Smith '06 and Stephen Kinney '03 were married on October 9, 2010, at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Sacred Heart Univ. in Fairfield, Conn. Midd friends joined in the celebration at the reception at Waveny House: Edward Eppler '86, Peter Smith '10, Barbara "Bea" Whitton '13, Mark Hannigan '05, Jenny Guest '07, Adam Rahal '05, the newlyweds, Liza Reed '06, Becca Reingold '07, Jessica Fox '07, Lilly Knopman '06, Emily Egan Allen '06, Ed Allen '06, and Ricky Barfuss '03.



Anabelle Wang married George Chan '05 on January 1, 2011, in Queens, N.Y. Joining them were Midd friends Adam Jones '05, Marcus Hughes '06, James Petsoulakis '06, Eli Ess '05, Chi Nguyen '06, Alex Gilman '06, Morgan A. Jones '04, Kevin Coll '01, Julio Chong '08, (second row) Sasha Said '06, MacKenzie Gowdey-Backus '06, Caitlin Graf '06, Valkyrie Anderson '07, Mari Kim '06, Lauren Fredston-Hermann '06, Jinhee Joe '06, the newlyweds, JeeYeon Park '08, Lizzie Monk '05, Tessa Klein Berman '05, Patricia Kim '05, Megan Hutchin '05, and Lacey Hebert '06.

On March 12, 2011, Rebecca Browngoehl '07 married Daniel Feinberg '07 at the Rittenhouse Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa. Many Midd friends helped the couple (in front) celebrate: (all '07 unless noted) David Jackson '06, Jay Yonamine, Susan Miranowski McGirr, Emily Bierman, Julia Fraser, (second row) Sam Jesse, Meredith Conrad, Isabel Yordan, Heather Gallagher, Roula Zoghbi, (third row) Marco Casas, Eric Martinez, Jackie Goulart Berliner '06, Walker Dimmig '08, (fourth row) Clark Peterson '06, Brandon Avrutin '06, Jono Berliner '06, Janie Mackey '06, Zach Foster '06, (fifth row) Christopher Ingram, Patrick Leibach '06, Beth Butler, Dominique Cherebin (Tufts '07), and Patrick Mott.

On November 13, 2010, Christa McDougall '00 married Chris Vaughan '98 in Middletown, R.I., with many Middlebury friends in attendance for the celebration: Brad Somma '98, Neil Onsdorff '03, Audrey Pellerin Onsdorff '03, Sarah Carpenter '01, Laura Todd Hotchkiss '99, the newlyweds, Michelle Labbé Hunter '01, Kristin Hackman Baker '99, Beth Denoncourt '00, Sue Chepren Roberts '99, Heather Crofts Holet '00, (second row) Brad Hotchkiss '99, Brad Martin '98, and Tadhg Campbell '98. Missing from photo: Steve Monninger '98 and John Giannacopoulos '00.

On October 16, 2010, J.J. Gilmartin '92 married Liz Blampied at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Church in Charlestown, Mass., with a reception at the Colonnade in Boston following. Many Middlebury folks were in attendance: (all '92 unless noted) Jason McGowin, Mike Benjamin, Ted Kyle, Dave Freeland, Brian Good, Steve Cox, (second row) Bryn Neubert Buck, Kristin Currier Benjamin '94, Steve Schrodel, the newlyweds, Miles Canfield, Charlie Buck, Marlena Faxon, Christina Bethke Rodgers, (third row) Justin Ayers, Corey Davis '91, Fred Lawrence, Michael Summersgill, Dan Suratt '93, Tom McCraw, Patty Garffer, and Bill Rodgers. Missing from photo: Charlie Williams '93.

Friends joined Lindsey Sick '10 and Danil Rudoy '11 at their wedding at the Waybury Inn in East Middlebury, Vt., on January 21, 2011: (kneeling) Roberto Veguez (professor emeritus of Spanish), Michael Katz (professor emeritus of Russian and East European studies), (standing) Juan Camilo Giraldo Vasquez, Rachel Pentecost '10, the newlyweds, Jonathan Joines, Frankie Dunleavy-Yeaton, Dana Yeaton '79, and Sieuwerd Gaastra '11. Behind the camera: Brittany Coleman '10.

Danielle Barbeau '07 and Luis Alfonso Garcia Segundo celebrated their marriage in Bristol Buenaventura, Panama, on February 26, 2011. Middlebury friends who joined them included Megan Guarnier '07, Amanda Cook '07, (second row) Robbie de Picciotto '08, Alpheus Chan '08, the newlyweds, Stephanie Meyer '08, Abigail Friedman '07, (third row) Timothy Reed '08, Patrick Woolford '07, and Alanna Hanson '08.

In Nashville, Tenn., Katie Sloan '99 and Rob Coleman were married on January 15, 2011. Friends from the Class of 1999 were there to celebrate: Bonnie Sarkar, Elizabeth Burns Kramer, Ginette Chapman, the bride, Allison Peel Bragan, (second row) Brooke Penick Anderson, Jenn Cappeto, Beth Staples Boyamian, and Elise Brenninkmeyer.

A group of Middlebury graduates met up at a Fourth of July party in Massachusetts: Rachel Frankel-Makofsky '96, Allison Cohen Gardner '95, Andy Gardner '95, Kalie Mix '11, and Geoff Wietelmann '10.

trucks, skidders, front-end loaders, backhoes, graders, and every kind of heavy equipment imaginable made their way to the hardest-hit areas. I returned to Marlboro a week later. Liam and Anneke were doing just fine. I look forward to visiting on a regular basis. Once I was home, the first order of business was to visit the families whose road had been washed out and who had received little communication for a week. Seven families live on the lower Auger Hole Road. One had her house washed away completely but she and her children got out fine. Others had minor flooding and major loss of property. The road was washed out between them and the rest of the town. A two-rut track was reestablished from the other direction, and we were able to send a little bus up and over the mountain to pick up the nine children from these families and get them to school. School started a few days late. The highway to Brattleboro opened a few days later. Brent, meanwhile, was in Michigan when the storm broke, helping daughter Rita, a PhD student at the Univ. of Michigan, get settled in a new home. He made it back to Marlboro a day or so after the storm, covering the final stretch on a dirt road that became our only access for the next two weeks." Brent writes, "Tuesday morning, two days after Irene, broke cloudless, a beautiful sunny day. The first thing I noticed was the unnatural silence. I walked down our drive to the dirt road to check things out. The streams that raged a few days before, ripping out roads and bridges, now flowed quietly, water gurgling through newly cut streambeds. We live in the higher elevations of Marlboro; our little neck of the woods came through the storm with just minor damage. The lower elevations and roads next to streams were devastated. At the base of the hill, four of the six bridges on Auger Hole Road were washed out. What once was a road was now a wide boulder-strewn streambed with gullies 10 to 20 feet deep. Soon I began to help with the town's volunteer effort. We went door-to-door on Auger Hole to talk with people, asking what help they needed and taking stock of the damage. The Green Mountain Club, known for maintaining the Long Trail, offered a 10-person crew. In one old stone foundation house, the river had deposited two feet of foul-smelling muck in the cellar. The only access to the cellar was a set of stairs in the living room. The Mountain Club volunteers set up a bucket brigade, and two days later had removed a very impressive pile of muck." ✳ From **Jay** and **Emily Groom Goyette** we heard: "The Montpelier area was spared the worst of Irene—buckets of rain for 24 hours or so, but aside from some relatively minor basement flooding for downtown businesses and some secondary road washouts, there was nothing except astonishment as we learned what had happened elsewhere. The most memorable thing we saw firsthand was the flooding around the Richmond exit and park-and-ride on Interstate 89, where the cars that remained in the lot were window-deep in a flooded Winooski River." ✳ In other 1971 news: **Phil Pillsbury** has been named to the 2011 edition of *Northern California Super Lawyers.* Phil is a founding partner in Pillsbury & Levinson LLP, a San Francisco law firm specializing in representing policyholders in insurance coverage disputes and bad-faith litigation. Phil now has more than 30 years of trial experience representing individuals and companies of all sizes in insurance bad-faith and coverage matters. ✳ **Churchill Franklin** has been tapped as the next CEO of Acadian Asset Management, a Boston-based global equities manager. He'll assume the title in January 2013. Churchill was one of the founders of Acadian 25 years ago and is now executive VP and COO. He is a longtime volunteer for Middlebury, elected to the college's board of trustees in 1989. He served as chair of the board from 2000–04 and became an emeritus trustee in 2005. He and wife Janet (Halstead) '72 were awarded honorary doctorates from the college in 2008.

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Kathy Mulligan Lord continues working in NYC as the director of alumni relations for Cambridge (U.K.) in America. "Love my job, though I am fascinated to read of retirement amongst many friends and wonder how they're finding it." Kathy's daughter (another Katharine Lord '00) and son-in-law are parents of a little boy, making Kathy an enthusiastic grandma. Son Christopher '02 lives and works in New York. Youngest daughter Charlotte works for Old Navy on the West Coast. Kathy keeps quite busy with traveling (for work and for fun) and regularly reconnecting with Midd friends. In addition to "crossing the pond" for work at the University of Cambridge a few times each year, she traveled to Paris last year with "most amiable traveling companions" **Carlie Butcher Garonzik** and **Becky Patterson Bruns**: "We rented a fifth floor walk-up in the Marais and had a fabulous time." And a recent trip to Italy has left her ready to rent a house and take Italian lessons again. Kathy, Carlie, and **Bill Carlough** joined **Danny McAuliffe** a year or so ago for a trip down nostalgia lane at an evening with James Taylor and Carole King—"what fun!" Other good times recently with '72 Midd friends included dinner with **Bill Wells** when he was in the Big Apple; and a bridal shower—hosted with **Lindy Frew Brownell**, **Mary Kate Sullivan Cox**, **Sarah Pratt Nesbitt**, **Nancy Morgan Serpa**, and Carlie—for the late **Linda Reeves Pettit**'s son and his bride-to-be. ("I couldn't make the wedding," Kathy notes, "but I understand dad **Bill Pettit** gave a lovely toast.") ✳ **Jennifer Hamlin Church** spent two-and-a-half weeks this past summer in Mongolia, "living in a *ger* (yurt) among the nomads without electricity or running water, trekking on horseback through the mountains and across the steppe, and exploring the history and culture of that vast, beautiful land. I gained a new perspective on Genghis Khan—and a new favorite place, which I hope to revisit. Everything about this trip was terrific—and the horseback riding exceeded even my wildest cowgirl fantasies!" ✳ **Anneliese Schultz** writes, "After living in Italy for two years after graduation, I ended up in Vancouver in 1974 when one of my Middlebury Italian professors began teaching at and spoke highly of the Univ. of British Columbia. I completed my MA in Italian and MFA in creative writing at UBC and have now been teaching Italian there for 20 years! For the past four years, all of my courses have been 'Green Italian,' incorporating sustainability into the syllabus. I was thrilled to be the first recipient of the ReThink award, given by the student organization Common Energy to recognize faculty incorporating sustainability and climate change into their curriculum, and my article 'Green Italian: Changing Course in Time?' was published in UBC's *Tapestry Magazine* in 2009. Named a UBC Sustainability Teaching and Learning Fellow for 2011–12, I am helping to establish more sustainability minors and concentrations across faculties as well as coteaching the new multidisciplinary Sustainability 101. I've held fellowships to Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and Praxis Screenwriting Workshop, and my fiction has been published in various magazines and anthologies. My short play, *27 Years,* was produced in 2007 and published in 2008, and I'm now looking for the right agent for my just-completed postcarbon young adult novel, *Distant Dream.* Son Max is working on his first novel and recording a rock/rap/reggae EP of his songs. We take a yearly train trip down the West Coast and across on the California Zephyr to visit family in Colorado and may extend that all the way East next year for the reunion!" ✳ **Rick Pagano**'s play, *Treat Yourself Like Cary Grant,* was on stage this past summer at the Lillian Theatre in Hollywood. It's his 10th play to be produced in L.A. and his eighth collaboration with Elephant Stageworks. He's a partner at Pagano/Manwiller Casting in L.A. ✳ Be sure to put this date on your calendar: June 8–10!

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Guy Kettelhack sent a note to say that he wrote a foreword for the biography *Quentin Crisp: The Profession of Being* by Nigel Kelly. You can check it out at this website: www.quentincrisp.info/CrisperantoForeword.shtml. "Otherwise I'm still in the full, fat middle of my love affair with New York, and working, as I sometimes tell people to justify my existence, on a book of poems and drawings, hybrids of which I do daily. Check out guykettelhack.blogspot.com. Emerging out of the Midd alum shadows, as I seem to have done, made me want also to say that I ushered in my 60th birthday last May by going to England to stay in Rye at the Mermaid Inn, around the corner from Henry James's Lamb House. I'd been there before, but it seemed somehow spot-on to return and to become 60 in the splendor of an English spring (which really was splendid on May 7) in the presence of Mr. James's ghost. (I'm a James family maven.)" ✳ **Peter Goodwin** writes, "Recently, I became president of the national orienteering organization, Orienteering USA. This is the parent organization for the many local clubs scattered throughout the nation. These clubs run orienteering events using map and compass skills. Previously, I had been on the board for a few years and enjoyed traveling around the country to board meetings that always have orienteering events associated with them. I have enjoyed orienteering in Arizona deserts, Wyoming plains, glaciated terrain in Michigan, around our nation's capital, and in my local area in the Northeast."

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Jeanne Meserve, who was a longtime correspondent for CNN, recently left the cable channel to become a senior fellow at George Washington University's Homeland Security Policy Institute. In a memo to colleagues, she said that after giving her all as a journalist, she was ready for a new phase and would be "trying to help find solutions to the issues I have been reporting on since the day of the 9/11 attacks." ✳ In the 10th annual Women Worth Watching issue, *Profiles in Diversity Journal* listed **Margery Weil Mayer** as a "Company and Executive Women Worth Watching" 2011 award winner. She is the

president of Scholastic Education at Scholastic, Inc. ✳ **Sandy Meldrum**, deputy editor and senior Africa editor for globalpost.com, was selected for the International Reporting Project's Gatekeeper Editors Trip to Rwanda that happened November 6–19. He blogged on Global Post about the activities of the trip in Kigali: meeting genocide survivors, government ministers, and coffee traders. In the Rwandan countryside, he also wrote about the challenges in health, development, the environment, education, and gorilla tracking.
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We'd love to hear from classmates!
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Correspondent **Gene O'Neill** reports: South Norwalk, Conn., was the rendezvous point for **Tony Pagliarulo**, **Paul Tierney**, Annie and **Steve Rodgers**, and me in early August. Over small-brewery beers we revisited the college life we thought we had, and of course solved most of the world's problems, at least west of the Euphrates. Paul, from Ohio, is teaching; Tony, a special ed teacher, now retired, is from Massachusetts; Steve is awaiting a rebound in the house-building industry in Connecticut; and I, a bowtie-bedecked consigliore, am still from NYC. Splendid talk. ✳ **Eric Maltzman** wrote me recently about life in Israel, where he lives with his family. Among other things, he's a tour guide, who would like to guide members of our class in that country. A trip and tour may be coordinated with Middlebury by the time this is printed, but if not, and you are interested, please contact Mr. M at the following address for information about his introducing Israel to travelers in his ken. Eric's address is tameric@eingev.org.il. ✳ Details, an interior design studio and showroom where **Carole Maghery King** is the proprietor, was profiled in the *Berkshire Record* recently. Located in South Egremont, Mass., Details has "a fun vibe while still being staffed by professional, knowledgeable, and creative people." Carole has been in the interior design business for over 30 years. ✳ **Edie Macausland Mabrey** played tennis in the 2011 Friendship Cup with other Midd alums. See a photo on page 72.
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REUNION CLASS

Bill Hosley gave several presentations this past summer. In June he spoke at the New Hartford (Conn.) Historical Society about the Old Mill and Blacksmith Shop in Bakersville, and in July he gave a talk entitled "What to Do with Our Walls: Painted Interiors and Decorative Woodwork" for the American Decorative Arts Forum of Northern California. He's the president of Terra Firma Associates. ✳ **Ellen Fairchild Martyn** is taking a leave of absence and is traveling around the world. The trip has two parts: first she traveled in the U.S. this past fall and was home for the holidays. This January she began the international part of the journey. You can follow along on her new blog site: www.ellenmartyn.wordpress.com. ✳ After working as a special education tutor, **Ann Downey Little** took a position at Concord-Carlisle (Mass.) High School this past fall as a special education teacher in their Pathways Program. ✳ **C. Hunter Boll** was recently appointed to the board of directors of Sproxil. He serves as the COO of Source Audio, a start-up company he cofounded that provides consumers with next-generation accessories for the musical instrument market.
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Classmates **Mike Abend**, **Seth Colton**, **Jane Leggett**, **Diane Nastri**, **Susie Patterson Nichols**, and **Phyllis Wendell Mackey** all converged at Bread Loaf for the Alumni Leadership Conference in September. It's hard to believe, but at next year's ALC, '78ers will be planning for our 35th reunion scheduled for June 7–9, 2013. Please save the date and we'll look forward to seeing you then! ✳ **Seth Colton** writes, "My spouse of 28 years and I are in some measure relieved that our twins graduated from college, with one pursuing an MFA in New York and the other employed doing medical research. I've practiced law for 29 years in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. I also have been conducting alumni interviews since the '80s and running the local committee since the '90s. I enjoy staying in touch with local Midds through this and encourage all to participate on their local committee!" ✳ Our classmates **Katie Shepherd** and **Bern Terry** were married on August 5 at their home in Lincoln, Vt. A number of Midd grads joined the happy occasion: **Kathy Davis**, **Reid Figel**, **Mickey Kann**, **Mike Abend**, **Mark Efinger**, **Brad Allen**, **Martha Lappen Pfeiffer**, **Tom** and Robin Wonnacott '76 **Davis**, **Jack** and Stacey Murphy '83 **Dobek**, **Jaja Kumpa**, **Craig Wells**, and Katie's mom, Nancy Hamilton Shepherd '53. Congratulations! ✳ We received literary news from **Helen Cooke Pyne**: "I just got my MFA from the Vermont College of Fine Arts low-residency program in creative writing for children and young adults. I'm currently consulting, teaching, and working on a middle-grade novel. It was a blast to travel to Montpelier from California for school residencies, although dorm living was, at times, a bit of a challenge. But I loved being back in the Green Mountain State again!"
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Keith Trauner writes, "After helping build one of the more successful fund companies of the last decade, I thought it was high time I started my own (with my partner Larry Pitkowsky, a longtime colleague). I have one son attending Middlebury (a sophomore), another who's a senior in high school, and a daughter in the ninth grade. We recently moved for the third time in four years—hopefully the last for a long time or my wife may resort to violence. We moved to Miami nearly four years ago and had been renting gorgeous homes but decided it was time to find a more permanent location. Nothing like a good move to shake up your life a bit." ✳ **Gretchen Hund** reports that she is very busy, being on four boards, including Monterey Institute of International Studies now a graduate school of Midd, and she's still working full time. ✳ In August **Karen Silverang Borgstrom** began her new job as VP of institutional advancement at UNH's School of Law. She is also an adjunct professor at Vermont Law School, where she teaches alternative dispute resolution. ✳ **Peter Mandel** has a new picture book for children out. Called *Jackhammer Sam*, it's a lively look at "the sidewalk blasting man."

Middlebury College Alumni Association 2012 Nominations

Alumni Trustee

CAROLINE SNEATH MCBRIDE '75

The full slate of nominees for the term of office beginning July 1, 2012, will be available for viewing on March 1, 2012, and voting on April 1, 2012. The deadline for voting is April 30, 2012. Please vote at *go.middlebury.edu/mcaa*.

To appear in the online spring ballot, additional nominations must be received by **March 1, 2012.** These nominations must include a signed letter of acceptance, updated biographical information, a photo, and 200 alumni signatures endorsing your nomination.

For a paper ballot, more information, or to submit nominees, please contact: Alumni Office, McKinley House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753 or alumni@middlebury.edu.

✳ Sadly, we heard of the sudden death of **Vicky Valar** in August. Vicky was a member of the alpine ski team while she was at Middlebury and later became a highly decorated master's ski racer with Rocky Mountain Masters in Breckenridge, Colo. Professionally she was a licensed real estate broker in both New Hampshire and Colorado. Vicky roomed with **Marion Taylor** for all four years. ✳ And more sad news: **Michael Elwin** passed away in October as a result of cancer. Our sympathy is sent to his three children, Michael, Bryan, and Douglas, and all the rest of his family. Obituaries for these classmates will appear in future issues.
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Beth Yancy married Capt. Christopher Sharik at the Windsor Chapel in Vero Beach, Fla., on May 14. Susan Bender McAdams '79 was best woman and sang three solos. For those who remember, her lilting soprano has become both sweeter and richer with time. It was a big, beautiful family wedding and everyone had a great weekend. Christopher is an officer in the Merchant Marine, currently sailing on the Lt. USNS *John P. Bobo*. Beth is a movement therapist, practicing in San Anselmo, Calif.; they live in Mill Valley, Calif. ✳ **Brian Harvey** sent word about a panel he was on at the recent Partnering for Cures Meeting in NYC. The VP for U.S. regulatory policy at Sanofi, Brian participated in the panel discussion called "Collaboration: Secrets of Success." He talked about Sanofi's participation in the Coalition Against Major Diseases, which includes, among others, representatives from the biopharmaceutical industry, government agency scientists, and patient groups, and is developing new tools and methods that can be applied during the development of new treatments for Alzheimer's

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Bread Loaf School of English

Author **Tom Behr** (MA '68) has released a new book of historical fiction, *Blood Brothers: A Novel of Courage and Treachery on the Shores of Tripoli,* based on America's actual 1805 invasion of Libya. ✷ Dr. **Monica Weis** SSJ (MA '73) received a Fulbright Lecture Award to teach American literature at the Univ. of Pannonia, Veszprem, Hungary, for the 2011 fall semester. ✷ **Cynthia Huntington** (MA '83), a professor of English at Dartmouth College, writes, "My fifth book, a poetry collection titled *Heavenly Bodies*, is this year's Editor's Choice for the Crab Orchard Poetry Series and is being published this January by Southern Illinois University Press." ✷ Since retiring as a part-time lecturer at Vanderbilt Univ., poet **Bill Brown** (MA '89) continues to offer writing workshops in Knoxville, Tenn. He is the author of three chapbooks, a textbook, and five collections of poetry. ✷ **Nancy Boutilier** (MA '90) is happy to report the release of her band's CD, *Who We Want To Be.* A non-musician in 2003, Nancy started work on a young adult novel about some girls forming a rock band. About nine chapters in, for research purposes, she took up the electric bass and volunteered as a band coach at the Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls in Portland, Ore. Inspired by the DIY indie rock ethic of the camp, Nancy joined with three friends in Oberlin to form Backbone. The band creates original music that is upbeat, edgy, and, of course, literate. *Who We Want To Be* is available online at www.cdbaby.com/cd/backbone2. You can also find Backbone on Facebook. For the record, Nancy has not given up her day job teaching at Oberlin College. ✷ Dr. **Barbara Kernan** (MA '96) has accepted a position as the first assistant professor with an appointment in women's studies at the Univ. of Wisconsin–Eau Claire. This interdisciplinary program has previously relied on teaching faculty from other departments. She wants her friends to know that in her office she has a large watercolor of the Bread Loaf Inn to inspire her, and a smaller one of two Bread Loaf chairs to encourage her to remember Vermont summers. ✷ After 24 years at Charlemont Academy, including nine as headmaster, **Todd Sumner** (MA '97) stepped down to take the position of Head of School at the Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School in Devens, Mass. ✷ With a JD from the Univ. of Virginia, **Jonathan Cannon** (MA '01) is an associate at BuckleySandler in L.A. ✷ In August **Robert Baroz** (MA '95, MLitt '04) received a teaching ambassador fellowship from the U.S. Dept. of Education and was invited to the White House when Pres. Obama unveiled his jobs proposal. Although Robert did not talk directly to Obama, the president learned of his story as a Boston public teacher who had received three pink slips because of budget cuts. On October 6, Obama mentioned Robert during a White House news conference, saying "Why wouldn't we want to pass a bill that puts somebody like Robert back in the classroom teaching our kids?" ✷ **Molly Beer** (MA '05) was hired this fall as the Olive B. O'Connor Creative Writing Fellow in the Dept. of English at Colgate Univ. She recently completed her MFA at the Univ. of New Mexico. ✷ **Theresa Maguire** (MA '08) and Russ Menard are happy to announce the birth of their twins, Cora Eileen Maguire and Benjamin Jackson Menard, who are enjoying life in Zimbabwe. ✷ This winter **Adam Cluff** (MA '09) is serving as the head varsity basketball coach at Framingham (Mass.) High School. He teaches English at Wellesley High. ✷ **Gina Sill Rogers** (MA '10) began work this year as a high school English teacher in the West Branch (Iowa) Community Schools. She lives in Iowa City with husband Jonathan and children Jack (3) and Willa (5 mos.).

Chinese School

Denise Tatum ('08) teaches Chinese and English at Liberty High School in Henderson, N.V. She is one of the few teachers in the Clark County School District licensed to teach Chinese. ✷ Speaking in Mandarin, **Jessica Beinecke** ('06, '07) hosts a show produced by Voice of America called *OMG! Meiyu* aimed at young pop-culture-hungry Chinese viewers. The show appears online only and on it, Jessica explains American lingo that doesn't appear in most English-teaching curricula. She also hosts an online travel video program for VOA aimed at young Chinese viewers.

French School

After teaching French for 35 years in the Wallingford-Swarthmore (Pa.) School District, **Nancy Gabel** (MA '62) retired and became an active volunteer for Alliance Française de Philadelphie, Main Line School Night, and the Philadelphia Geographical Society. In September the *Main Line Times* named her Volunteer of the Week. ✷ **Susan Granger** (MA '77) recently joined Cape Coral Realty/Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group in Cape Coral, Fla., as a real estate professional. ✷ In August **Jeanine Worden** (MA '77) was appointed to serve as the associate general counsel for fair housing at the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. ✷ **Thomas Hammell** (MA '92) recently accepted a position at Coalition Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa located in Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, as the U.S. liaison officer to French Forces—Horn of Africa. ✷ **Michelle Fay Holder** (MA '98) is the new librarian/media specialist at the Randolph (Vt.) Union High School. Previously she was the library director at the International School in Boston.

German School

Ron Rockwell (MA '68) read from his book, *The U.S. Army in Frontier Montana* at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City, Mont., recently. The book details army activities in Montana in the second half of the 19th century.

Italian School

Laura Williams Sweeney (MA '88) recently published *Research on Writing Approaches in Mental Health*, which she edited with Luciano L'Abate. The book is available on Amazon.

Monterey Institute of International Studies

Russ Howard (MBA '74) first came to the Monterey Institute after serving in the U.S. Army Special Forces and left with a degree in international business. His Chinese language fluency served him well as he worked for international corporations in Asia and the Pacific. When the Army recalled him to voluntary active duty because of his special skills, he decided to follow the beat of his patriotic heart. A 30-plus-year career in the Army followed, with Russ serving in every Special Forces command position before retiring as a brigadier general. Along the way, Russ completed a second graduate degree in public administration from Harvard's Kennedy School in 1988 and eventually became tenured faculty at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Post 9/11, Russ was asked to spearhead the foundation of the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point and became a bestselling author and editor of many articles and books on counterterrorism. Recently retired, Russ has returned to the Monterey Peninsula and is conducting workshops at the Institute, sharing his vast knowledge and experience with future generations of counterterrorism experts. ✷ Sadly we must report that Prof. **Stephen Garrett** passed away on June 11. He joined the Monterey Institute faculty in 1972 and was a respected scholar and dedicated teacher, focusing on such themes as American foreign policy, the intelligence community, and ethics and international affairs. A beloved member of the faculty, he inspired students with his knowledge and wonderful spirit. For close to four decades he kept pushing students to do their very best work while engaging them with his wisdom, love of learning, and sharp humor. Alumni from around the world kept in touch with Stephen over the years as he served as mentor, teacher, and friend. He left an indelible mark with community members near and far, as demonstrated by the great number of cards and letters he received from students and alumni during his brief illness. In the fall the MIIS community came together, along with Marta, Steve's wife of 50 years, and their children, Crister (MAIPS '87), Karolina, and Eric, in the Irvine Auditorium to celebrate a life well lived. It was a wonderful event that had the audience alternating between joyous laughter and deep thoughts about life, a fitting way to say good-bye to an inspirational educator and friend. The Garrett family has established the Stephen A. Garrett Scholarship in Ethics and International Affairs, seeding the fund with a gift of $50,000. The Garrett Scholarship will be awarded to outstanding students of international policy studies for whom ethics is a focus of their research and an influential factor in their career intent.

Spanish School

Marisa Labozzetta ('71) recently published *Thieves Never Steal in the Rain—Linked Stories,* a series of short stories of love, humor, and the supernatural. It's available as an e-book on Amazon. ✷ An alumna of and lecturer at Wake Forest Univ., **Jenny Robinson Puckett** (MA '73) recently published *Fit for Battle*, a book about Wake Forest's president, Harold W. Tribble. ✷ Having originally published in 2003, editor **Laura Dail** (MA '88) recently reprinted her book *Truly Yours: Wise Words on the Miracle of Adoption* with 50 percent more material, considering adoption from all possible angles with quotations from Confucius to Pres. Obama. Laura is an adoptive mom and a literary agent. ✷ **Elizabeth Caldwell** (MA '05) married Benjamin Cake on October 8 at her family home in Lookout Mountain, Tenn. She is a Spanish teacher and college counselor at the Charleston (S.C.) Collegiate School. ✷ **Jill Kelley** (MA '08) is the new coordinator of the Homework Center for the Cohasset (Mass.) Library. She has been a Cohasset Middle School Spanish teacher since 2008 and is working on her doctorate in education.

and Parkinson's diseases. ✳ **Rob Ackerman** has a new play out entitled *Call Me Waldo*. After opening at the Kitchen Theatre in Ithaca, N.Y., on January 21, it has transferred to the Abingdon Theatre for an off-Broadway run produced by the Working Theatre this February and March. He owes a debt to Andy Wentink '70, the curator of Midd's Special Collections, for letting him get a peek at Emerson's papers last summer.

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Eugenie "Janie" Havemeyer wrote to say that her first children's book, published by Goosebottom Books, is now on the market. "The book, a biography of Catherine de' Medici, is one of six books in a series called The Thinking Girl's Treasury of Dastardly Dames, for 9-12 year olds. Next year, another biography I wrote on African Queen Njinga will be added to the series." You can find out more at goosebottombooks.com. ✳ This past summer **Peter Gallo** exhibited new paintings at the Marvelli Gallery in NYC. He's currently a doctoral fellow in art history at Concordia Univ. and is also a member of the Grass Roots Art and Community Effort of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

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REUNION CLASS

Correspondent **Caleb Rick** reports: **Jeff Clarke** has been appointed the interim president of the Council on Foundations, a national nonprofit association of nearly 1,800 charitable grant-making foundations and corporations. His appointment comes at an important time in the philanthropic world, and at a critical crossroads for the Council. It's a very, very high tribute to Jeff that he's been asked to fill this role. There are an array of complex challenges facing the Council and the nonprofit sector. Jeff has tremendous skills and talents, and he's known in the grant-making world as an innovative thinker and leader. ✳ We received an update from **John** and **Hannah Felton Lyons**. Hannah is finishing her fourth year working as a clinical nurse specialist in oncology at Mass General Hospital. Her unit just moved into the new Lunder Building. John continues to chair the history dept. at Groton School and was back as head football coach for the fall. They're proud of daughters Rachel (Dickinson College '12) and Molly (Groton School '12), both of whom are thriving! ✳ **Mitchell Brown** writes: "2012 marks the fourth year of a Midd boys ski trip to my house in Deer Valley, Utah. **Joe Weis**, **Tom Calcagni**, **Ari Fleischer**, and I have a great ski week each year. Tom is the best skier. Ari is the best talker. Joe makes the most friends. And I try to follow Calcagni off the cliffs too often and hurt myself. We have a blast every year." ✳ **Larkin McPhee Perese** writes, "I attended the regional Emmy celebration with dear **Alison McGhee** as my date. My latest documentary, *Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story* won three Emmys: Best Topical Documentary, Best Writer of Program (non-news), and Best Editor (non-news). The film is about the unintended consequences of farming on water quality, soil loss, and the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico."

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Kathryn Pelton Murphy writes, "My biggest news is that at almost 50 I married my high school prom date and kindergarten classmate! We are living happily on Cape Cod." ✳ The Southern League of Professional Baseball Clubs recently announced that **Frank Burke**, the Chattanooga Lookouts president and general manager, was named the Jimmy Bragan Executive of the Year. The honor was voted on by his peers. ✳ *The Milton* (Mass.) *Times* recently announced that **Dan Higgins** had been elected to the board of directors of the New England Employee Benefits Council. He's the VP of national accounts at CIGNA HealthCare.

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Patrick McCormick and **Mark Ray** (with three friends, one of whom, Victor Nuovo, is the son of the same-named Charles A. Dana Professor Emeritus of Philosophy) cycled from the Canadian border in Rouses Point, N.Y., down the western side of Vermont to Williamstown, Mass., on June 25. After 200 miles, a constant headwind, torrential downpours, and 12.5 hours on their bikes, averaging 16.1 mph, the group was very happy to drink a few beers at a local restaurant where they cheered for the Panthers in Purple Cow country. ✳ Living in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, **Cecil Marlowe** and her family live across the street from Lissa McKinley '82 and her family. Cecil says, "Our oldest daughter, Mollie, is a sophomore at Georgetown Univ. Anna is a senior in high school, and Sam is in eighth grade." ✳ **Marc Tabah** sent this update: "An amazing Fall Family Weekend was experienced by many '84s this year. Laney and **Rick Makin**, Sue and **Brian O'Day**, **Grant Dewey**, and Mimi (Dalbey) '83 and I were all seen tailgating with our newly minted first-years: Carter Makin, Kelsey O'Day, Charlotte Dewey, and Olivia Tabah. Who would have thought 30 years ago that we could have imagined producing four wonderful young women worthy of acceptance to Middlebury? Olivia joins sister Chloe '11.5 and brother Ben '13 to round out the Tabah trifecta on campus this semester. Meanwhile Charlotte Dewey has first-year cousin Katie Dewey (daughter of Brad '86 and Ashley Bourne Dewey '86) to keep an eye on her. Throw juniors Sarah Steinle (**Tom Steinle**) and Eliza Winton (**Elizabeth Eppes Winton**) into the mix and Family Fall Weekend is turning into a mini-reunion! On the career front, **Rick Makin** is throwing his hat into the entrepreneurial ring at Rivington Capital while I recently joined New York-based Lazard Asset Management. **Grant Dewey** continues his exceptional journey at Citi, having just finished his 27th year there. As usual, **Jim** and **Liz Hackett Robinson** showed much of this crew, plus other visiting '84s, incredible hospitality during this year's Gordie Golf/Kelly Brush Ride weekend in early September. Joining the ranks of the golf/cycling fanatics were **Josh Rabinowitz**, Erica and Greg Danford '85, **David Wagstaff**, **Mason Wells**, **Tom Kottler**, **Matt Ellenthal**, **Brian O'Day**, and our fearless leader, **Rick Makin**. Team '84 was one of the top four fund-raising teams and we are all proud to support such an inspiring young woman who faced a tremendous setback but turned it into a wonderful story of accomplishment and dedication—Go Kelly! We need more '84s next year, so please join us!"

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Living in Hong Kong, **Jeffrey** and **Karin Radasch Maddox** met with other alums to form the Hong Kong chapter of the Middlebury Alumni Association. While there have been some get-togethers over the years, it was decided that something needed to be formalized to make the most of the dynamic group of Midd alums living in the Hong Kong area. This exciting news coincided with a visit from President Liebowitz in early November. They say, "We hope to organize a group that will help provide professional opportunities for alumni, conduct interviews for prospective students, and offer social gatherings a few times a year. Please check out the link on the Middlebury Facebook page for more details!" ✳ **Shelagh Connor Shapiro** is doing well in Burlington, Vt. She continues to write fiction and to host a radio show, "Write The Book," which plays to an audience of "writers and curious readers." Recent guests have included ecologist and climate activist Amy Seidl, Vermont poet David Budbill, journalist Christian Parenti, story and essay writer Steve Almond, and novelist Geraldine Brooks. (The show is podcast and can be found on iTunes and at writethebook.podbean.com). Shelagh was looking forward to getting together with a group of Midd friends in Miami in November and planned to organize a photo of the group for the *Middlebury Magazine* Celebrations section.

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Correspondent **Becky Spahr Frazier** reports: Congratulations to **Kate Wallace Perrotta** for a job well done as our correspondent. My friend bestowed her correspondent job on me during our reunion luncheon. In fact Pres. Liebowitz gave his blessing. I was truly set up! I have had fun reaching out to our class. Please keep those class notes coming. ✳ **Lynne Beers Walters**, **Ginny Thomas Wydler**, **Margaret Gill Sobel**, **Susan Gavlick Ballard**, **Phoebe Twichell Peterson**, and **Jennifer Kemp Forelli** all had so much fun at reunion that they had a weekend get-together in New Hampshire. **Margaret Sobel** shares these thoughts: "Our 25th reunion was tinged with melancholy and regret, but also with the promise of the future and the second half of our lives—a gift that we are not all so lucky to possess. This fact truly hit home at a homegrown memorial service under an apple tree on campus, as we quietly honored and missed our Middlebury friends who are no longer with us. In terms of life's gifts, we are all so lucky to have had those four idyllic years in Vermont, which have shaped us so profoundly. And often that very luck and good fortune is something I struggle with. But I found that I was not alone with these paradoxical thoughts, as I listened to my classmates at the Midd Life Symposium. I was particularly inspired by a classmate who, despite all of his Ivy League graduate credentials, has chosen to teach at a community college, and another, who after a career in investment banking, now has gone back for his MSW and is moonlighting as a therapist. The tenor of the discussion that day helped crystallize my thoughts about the education that Middlebury (and our parents) afforded us. Middlebury gave us a true gift—of thinking and striving for something beyond our personal successes, a greater good. This capacity is something we can share, nurture and develop for the rest of our lives. Thank you, Middlebury." ✳ Is this our first offspring wedding? **Shannon Miller Hathaway** informs us that their son was married

at the Washington Duke Inn in Durham, N.C., on November 12! **Amy Snyder Weed** was in attendance. ✳ After loving her first year as a Midd parent, **Heather Pierce** is so excited about the sophomore year daughter Lindsay is experiencing. Heather is happy to be unemployed so she could be the ultimate Midd soccer mom as well as tending to the exhaustive teenage needs (chauffeur and $) of her 15- and 18-year-old daughters Mackenzie and Taylor. "Still living in beautiful Charlotte, Vt., and always welcoming visitors! LOVED reunion, can't wait for the 30th." ✳ **Brad** and **Ashley Bourne Dewey** want to thank all our classmates that came to our 25th. "It was so great to see everyone! And thanks to those who came to our house Thursday night. Glad we got Dagny and Dudley on the last bus—locked and back to campus. Too funny." ✳ **Laura Mugnani Briggs** says, "After 22 years of moving around the country with the U.S. Coast Guard, **Wyman** and I settled down in Cape Elizabeth, Maine (right outside Portland), five years ago. Wyman works as an environmental preparedness specialist, training government agencies to prepare for and clean up oil spills and other major hazardous events. I left city planning and now teach fifth grade in our town's middle school. It's exhausting but I love it! We have three teenaged daughters, including one who is a sophomore at Middlebury!" ✳ **Ann McCollum** was planning to trek in Nepal for three and a half weeks in the remote Dolpo region (the area featured in the 1999 movie *Himalaya*, as well as in Peter Matthiessen's book, *The Snow Leopard*). "I will also spend a week in Kathmandu after the trek, visiting a school and connecting with the culture. Otherwise, I continue to build my business as a risk management consultant for experiential and travel programs in schools and youth development programs." ✳ **Lisa Hillner Stafford** e-mailed: "I spoke with a couple of people at reunion about the camp for inner-city kids where I am property manager here in Pottersville, N.J. We recently launched a new website (www.greaternewarklifecamp.org) if anyone is interested in learning a little more about what we do here. Children from Newark and the surrounding areas come out to the country for six weeks in the summer for fresh air and lots of new experiences. And if anyone is ever in the area and would like a tour, I would love to show you around." ✳ **Shawn Burns** was sorry to miss reunion, but like so many others, she loves the picture posts on Facebook. "Reunion overlapped with my trip to Dharamsala, India, with the Emory-Tibet Science Initiative. I've been providing some volunteer tech support for the computer lab for the Tibetan monks learning science." ✳ MaryLynn and **Brad Schildt** are thrilled to announce the addition to their family, Tristan Ryan Schildt, born August 5. ✳ **Bruce Genereaux** reports he has been doing some volunteer cleaning up and rebuilding for folks displaced by the storms, remnants of hurricanes Irene & Katia. ✳ **Peter Watt** and Gerard F. Cattie Jr., who were married at their weekend house in Lyme, Conn., on December 13, 2008, are the proud parents of adopted daughter, Louisa Armstrong Cattie-Watt, who was born on October 6, 2010, at Claxton Hepburn Medical Center in Ogdensburg, N.Y. She and her dads made the journey back to New York several days later, to be greeted by family, friends, and their somewhat dismayed beagle, Dave. ✳ **Bessie Cromwell Speers** played tennis in the 2011 Friendship Cup with other Midd alums. See a photo on page 72. ✳ Please join your many classmates on Facebook (Middlebury College Class of 1986). Here is just a taste of our postings. These comments were after our reunion, reminiscing, and missing the Rosebud. "Where else could you go and scan the joint for a current crush while waiting on too steep stairs? Where else could you go and repeatedly hear and play, 'She's a Brick House'? Where else could you go and get a cheese and sprout pizza that actually tasted good? Rosebud—I miss you. Long Island Ice Teas that would give you glossalalia if you knocked back more than two of them, or a hundred of us singing all of 'American Pie,' as one, downstairs. Standing in line in the freezing cold weather waiting to get in. Rosebud is where I had my first (of many) margaritas. Good times. Seabreezes for a dollar Thursday nights! The jukebox played Marvin Gaye's 'Sexual Healing' more than a few times. Those pizzas were yummy—Craig Mayo '84 made them at one point. I will never forget those steep stairs and the drinks, music, and crowd that waited at the bottom. Such the pick-up place. Who remembers 'submarine' with the pitcher and the shot glass?" There have also been many more meaningful posts on our page and fabulous pictures—the Northern Lights, Middlebury happenings, and such. Please join us!

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It's our 25th reunion year! **Sean Dunphy**, **Lissie Ryan O'Brien**, and **Tom Funk** were at Bread Loaf for the Alumni Leadership Conference, getting energized about what it takes to stage a great and well-attended reunion. Step one is spreading the word, so please keep those class notes coming—let us know what you've been up to lately, and whether you'll be back on campus in June! Reunion also requires a number of new class agents and volunteers, so please contact us if you're interested in helping. ✳ **Plummy Tucker** gave birth to a son, Diego Tucker Ontal, on July 7. Baby, mom, and father Mario Ontal are all healthy and happy and living in New York, where Plummy and Mario work as film editors. ✳ **Geoff Houghton** and Jamie Smith were married June 11 in Saco, Maine, at Geoff's brew pub, the Run of the Mill Public House and Brewery, located in a historic textile mill overlooking the Saco River. In attendance were **Alex Van Praagh**, **Nick Siewert**, **Dan Robb**, **Tom Funk**, Jim Lilly '91, Bob Lilly '62, and their families. ✳ **Jason Robart** and wife Sarah were on campus in September, delivering son J.J. to begin his freshman year as a member of the Class of 2015. Aside from making us feel *really* old, J.J. may also be the first "legacy" student in our class. (Any others? Let us know!) He's just a few doors down from Jason's old freshman dorm room, marking two generations of Stewart Pits. ✳ **Jeb Wallace-Brodeur**, **Jake Brown**, and **Tom Funk** ran into each other while dropping off their children at summer camp in Sharon, Vt. Jake is the communications director of Vermont Natural Resources Council, Jeb is chief photographer at the Barre-Montpelier *Times Argus*, and Tom is senior e-commerce manager at Green Mountain Coffee Roasters. ✳ **Don Hindman** reports that he and fellow D-8 alums Don Mackenzie '85, Mike Campbell '89, **Nick Siewert**, and **Clifton Romig** recently met in Denver to climb one of Colorado's infamous "14ers," Mt. Bierstadt (14,060 ft.). The quintet sang on Friday night and summited on Saturday. "The air was scarce, but what there was of it was clean!" ✳ **Kathy Follert Ebner** writes, "I founded The Nebo Company in 2004 and have been teaching leadership coaching at Georgetown Univ. since 2006. I also codirect that program and serve as chair of the board of the Global Sufficiency Network. I have two children, son Nolan (15) and daughter Wynne (14)." ✳ **J. Robert Post** writes that he is currently posted at the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, through summer 2013. ✳ **Rommin Adl** recently posted a blog entry on HR.com called "Business Acumen Demystified: What is business acumen? Why is business acumen important? How can it be developed most effectively?" He is the executive VP at BTS USA, Inc., and managing director of BTS Interactive.

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Rebecca Martin Connard writes that after five years in Madrid, she, husband Frank, daughter CC (Midd Class of 2015), daughter Jane (15), and son Chip (11) have moved back to the U.S. to Ridgefield, Conn. ✳ **Beth Zogby** writes, "Ever thought it might be fun to be an '88 notes correspondent and get news firsthand from everyone before it hits the magazine? I'm looking for a replacement to help out Claire between now and our 25th reunion in June 2013. Please let Sara Marshall (smarshal@middlebury.edu) or me know if you can fill that role for our class, and thanks in advance!"

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In the fall **Caroline Biddle McKenzie** sent this update: "It's October 3 and I'm exceptionally grateful to be alive today. May 13 was the beginning of a health crisis for me; feeling not so well, I asked my husband to take me to the emergency room. In the early hours of May 14, I went into cardiac shock at Fletcher Allen Hospital in Vermont and was immediately transported to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston with thoughts that I needed a heart transplant. The brilliant doctors at B & W thankfully discovered the culprit: a tumor on my adrenal gland, which had shocked my heart. Pheochromocytoma, as we quickly learned, is a very, very rare syndrome that occurs to one in a million people. On June 2, I had surgery to remove the tumor as well as the adrenal gland. On June 9, I came home to Vermont. I am blessed to be alive and grateful for my husband, my family, my yellow lab, Annabelle, and my amazing friends who pulled me through this crisis. All is well today. I AM BLESSED BEYOND BELIEF." ✳ It was great to hear from **Tracy Nordstrom**, who writes, "I haven't gotten married or divorced; no children have been born to me in the past three months but, in a nod to classmates **Vicki Wideman** and **Suzi Black Beck**, I've taken up ice hockey—at 44. Which I should have done much, much earlier since 1) I'm from Minnesota, for heaven's sake; 2) even though I played varsity squash at Midd, our squash coach, Dave Saward, saw me play intramural hockey one night at Midd and told me, 'You really SHOULD HAVE gone out for hockey!' Not much of a compliment, considering squash season was in full swing—so my apologies to **Vic Hoyt** and **Elizabeth Wilson Dutton** and the rest of the 1988–89 Midd Squash Team. I'm still in Minnesota, still running a garden design business, still trying to get a full-night's sleep with three (loud) children under my roof." ✳ It is with great sadness that I report the September 16 passing of **Martin "Marty" Fossett**, at his home in Bloomfield, N.J. Marty was the loving husband of classmate **Amy Sequeira**

Fossett and devoted father of Caleb. Marty and I lived on Battell South together and I saw him at our last reunion. After graduating from Midd he earned his PhD in chemistry at the Univ. of Utah. He is the coauthor of *Lab Investigations: AP Chemistry*. Beyond his written academic contributions, Marty was an excellent educator, teaching first at Tabor Academy in Massachusetts, then, for the past 10 years, at The Montclair Kimberly Academy in Montclair, N.J. Besides his wife and son, Marty also leaves behind parents Paul and Suzanne Fossett and brother Clayton Fossett. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. He is very fondly remembered and will be strongly missed. ✳ In other 1989 news, **Robin Bucaria**, who teaches English at Copper Hills High School in West Jordan, Utah, was named an Unsung Hero by investment company ING for creating innovative teaching programs. She works closely with science students, helping them to convey their findings through good writing, and instills an appreciation for science in her English students. ✳ **Steven Becker** was recently appointed to the board of directors of Ruby Tuesday, Becker Drapin, and Carlson Capital. He has served as managing partner and founder of Becker Drapkin since 2004.
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Liz Cady is a banker at JP Morgan Private Bank in Denver, where she lives with partner Guy and their two-year-old daughter, Alexandra. Liz is overjoyed that her niece, Michelle Cady '08, is being mentored by **Doug Meyer** at First Eagle in NYC. ✳ **Phil Oldham** and **Elizabeth Toder** saw each other regularly in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where Phil commuted to from his home in Lincoln, Vt., as the Haiti country director for Mercy Corps. He recently began a new job at Midd as the leadership gifts officer in College Advancement. Toder lives in PAP, where she is the director of the economic recovery program for Mercy Corps. They were also visited by coworker, Andrea Koppel '85, VP of global engagement and policy for Mercy Corps, from Washington, D.C., where Andrea lives with her family. Nicholas Lesher '02 also lives in D.C. and also recently visited the Haiti team as a consultant. Nick works for OpenRevolution, a mobile financial services company that has designed and built, and now operates, a mobile e-money payments network. ✳ **Dorie McCullough Lawson** has published a children's book called *Tex: A Book for Little Dreamers.* Set in the American West, it tells the story, through photographs and text, of a little boy who lives near the ocean but dreams of life on a ranch. Dorie lives in Maine with husband T. Allen Lawson and their four children. ✳ **Kristen Homer** recently joined the medical staff at the Mt. Edgecumbe (Alaska) High School Student Health Center. A family nurse practitioner, she was previously working at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Sitka Medical Clinic. ✳ **Ray Gallagher**, an employee benefits broker, recently joined Alliant Insurance Services as senior VP in the L.A. office. ✳ **Tom Crowell** gave a talk entitled "Connecting People to the Land—25 Years of Conservation in Columbia County" at Columbia-Greene Community College in Greenport, N.Y., as part of an adult learning institute. He is the director of communications and resource development at the Columbia Land Conservancy. He's also a founding partner in the Chatham Brewing Co. and was the founder of New York's first farm distillery. He and wife Sarah live in East Chatham with their two children.
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Becky Castle writes that she and husband Bob Clark '89 recently moved from Pasadena, Calif., to Shelburne, Vt., with their daughters Lily (7), Sunshine (5), and Maggie (3). Becky continues to consult in international development from home. The girls can't wait to swim in the Middlebury pool and Becky invites classmates passing through the area to get in touch. ✳ **Ralph William Boone** was elected Teacher of the Year 2011 at Lehman College CUNY. Congratulations, Ralph! ✳ **Jay Gosselin** writes in for the first time. "I'm a lawyer with offices in Boston and Paris, France, mainly representing individuals and family trusts. On weekends my wife of 18 years, Sarah (Mt. Holyoke '91), and I enjoy our new house in Waterbury, Vt., with our three sons and Australian shepherd, who is our perpetual toddler. I'm in the research phases of writing my first novel about my father's experiences in World War II, based on over 700 letters that he wrote home over three years. Overall, life has been good to me and I look forward to reconnecting with my Midd friends." ✳ **Kim Kay Holt** lives in Arlington, Mass., and is working on a master's in child and adolescent development. She also works as the education/enrichment specialist for the Boys & Girls Club of Medford, Mass. In addition she's active in a number of community organizations, including the Arlington-Teosinte (El Salvador) Sister City Project and the Arlington-Nagaokakyo (Japan) Sister City Project. ✳ **Monica Cable** writes, "I missed the reunion because I was in North Korea this past May/June. I'm an anthropologist and teach at Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania. While I usually do research in southwestern China, I had the unique opportunity to join an academic delegation to North Korea—while it was interesting, I'm SURE that the reunion was a lot more fun. I look forward to hopefully attending the 25th reunion, but cannot fathom where all the years went!" ✳ **Vanessa Trien** shares, "My family rented a house on Block Island this past August with **Lana Fuller**, husband Ted Siebert '90, and their two kids, which was really fun, particularly since our kids all get along great. I'm still teaching Music Together early childhood music classes in Brookline, Mass., and performing as a children's songwriter in the New England area and beyond. I played with my Jumping Monkeys band in Westport, Conn., this past summer and met up with **Tricia Mangold Heiser** and **Daryl Miller-Salomons**. I'm just about to go into the studio to record album #3—I'll let you know when it's done!" ✳ **Heather Widlund** writes in for the first time. "I've been living in Telluride, Colo., with my husband for the last 17 years. For the last 11, I've been the GIS mapper, webmaster, and all-around tech geek for our local county. I do lots of hiking in the summer and snowshoeing in the winter. My husband and I go scuba diving when the winter gets too long, most recently to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. Cheers!" ✳ **Brian Young** also provides his first post ever! He's living in Silver Spring, Md., with his wife and two boys. He just ended four years of working as director of new media for John Kerry, and he's now a senior strategist for digital media for a variety of Democratic SuperPACs in Washington, D.C. ✳ **Daanish Mustafa** lives in London where he is a reader (associate professor) in politics and environment at the department of geography, King's College, London. He sees **Ian Noetzel** and family, who are also living in London, quite a bit. He would love to hear from any classmates visiting London. ✳ **Dawn Dispenza Ray** writes, "I live now with my family in North Carolina. Husband Paul and I met years ago in California and we married almost 11 years ago in Hawaii. We are thrilled to have our son, Mason, who is five years old and in first grade. I started working about nine months ago with BMC Software in the inside sales division for Canada so my Middlebury French instruction has come in handy." ✳ **Drew Smith** lives in Montreal with his wife and three-year-old daughter. He works as a marketing director at Eurconsult, a consulting firm in the satellite field. He finished his eighth Ironman triathlon on September 8. ✳ I (**Lucy Randolph Liddell**) saw **Nicola Bradley Evans** when we met at **Tracey Spruce**'s house in Andover, Mass., this summer with our kids. ✳ I also heard from **Ann Dahlquist**. She lives in Austin, Texas, with her longtime boyfriend and works at Dell in customer insights. She and her boyfriend love traveling and recently went to Asheville, N.C., which reminded her of Middlebury.
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Our 20th reunion is June 8–10. Hope to see you on campus!
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CNN recently opened a permanent bureau in São Paulo, Brazil, and appointed **Shasta Darlington** as the correspondent covering the stories from that country, including the upcoming 2014 FIFA World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics. Previously she was the international correspondent for CNN, based at the network's bureau in Havana, Cuba, filing stories in English and Spanish. She is also fluent in Portuguese. ✳ The Paul Mueller Co., based in Springfield, Mo., recently named **David Moore** president and CEO. He joined the company in 2001 as chief information officer and has been on the board since 1997. ✳ This fall **Geoff Chamberlain** joined the faculty of the Maple Street School in Manchester Center, Vt., as the sixth grade homeroom teacher and upper school history and math teacher. He recently earned his MA in teaching from Castleton State College.
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Kellie Rohrer Hemme and husband Dan had a second daughter, Harper Lane, on September 15. Sydney (3) is a very proud big sister! They are still residing in Manchester, Mass., enjoying life by the sea! ✳ **Alyssa Sveden Sinclair** works in fund-raising at Skidmore College and moonlights as a college counselor for high school seniors. She and husband Neil '93 get to Middlebury pretty frequently to connect with friends and family there. Daughter Harper (9) enjoys skiing at the Bowl when she can and son Ian (5) spent a few days this summer skating in "the Chip" at the Middlebury hockey camp. ✳ **Elise Bergelson Singer** is living in Palo Alto, Calif., and finished an MBA from the Haas School of Business in '09. She is presently embarking on her third startup, ShareTheVisit.com, a service to videoconference you into your loved one's doctor's visit when you can't be there in person. ✳ **Heather Dorf Rawlings** is looking

forward to skiing with **Michael Sayre**. Michael rented a place near Heather for the winter, and they plan on getting their combined five boys out on the slopes. Heather adds that she pities one of Michael's boys, who is a snowboarder. ✳ **Jean Hudson Card** reports that she is still in the Washington, D.C., area (where she's been since graduating) and is the VP of media and communications for the nation's largest small-business group: the National Federation of Independent Business. Jean notes that any Midd Kids who own their own businesses should definitely join, as they represent the smallest of the small in every state capital and Washington, D.C. Jean has been married for 11 years to Noel (Miami '77) and says they have one dog, two cats, and no kids and they love it that way! ✳ **Teaque Lenahan**, wife Amy, and daughter Tierney (4) moved to Bainbridge Island off of Seattle last year to try a new adventure. They love life in the PacNW; horseback rides, starfish, starry nights, orcas, and ferry rides at sunset are all part of their regular routine. Teaque continues his career in innovation and design consulting, having joined frog design in Seattle as part of the move. His Midd education serves him well as he combines storytelling, research, anthropology, technology, strategy, and design in helping companies determine how to meaningfully grow. He's also been teaching at Kellogg and a design school in Mexico. His lifetime e-mail is tlenahan2001@kellogg.northwestern.edu and he'd love visitors! ✳ **Josh Kucker** reports he's living in Sonoma County, Calif., and loves the wine country. Josh is an ER physician working at a local emergency room. He's married, with two boys, Ryan (2.5) and Gavin (6 mos.), and his wife is a detective with the Santa Rosa police dept. Josh volunteers as a tactical physician with area SWAT teams in his spare time and also works as medical director for the county search and rescue helicopter service. He was with the U.S. Air Force Reserve for seven years and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2007 with an Air Force special operations unit. As this was at the height of the war in Iraq, things were rather boring in Afghanistan. Josh had a mini-Midd reunion in fall 2010 with **Jeff Herriott** (tenured professor of music at Univ. of Wisconsin–Whitewater), **Steve Reale** (partner in venture capital firm in San Francisco), **Paul Bavier** (house counsel for a biotech firm in Connecticut), **Sandy Durst** (attorney in New Jersey), **Greg Boosin** (serious muckety-muck with MasterCard corporate), and Andy Roebuck '95 (field sales with BzzAgent). All wish they were students at Midd now as opposed to the age of the old "new" dorms. ✳ **Emily Raabe** wrote with the news that she has published a book of poems, *Leave It Behind* (FutureCycle Press), a finalist for the 2011 FutureCycle Poetry Book Prize. She lives with husband Paul in NYC, where she teaches at Hunter College and is finishing her PhD in American transcendentalism and poetics at the Graduate Center at CUNY.

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Exciting and interesting news comes from all over the globe about members of the class of 1995. Keep us updated with your news, too. We'd love to hear from you. ✳ **Arnold** and **Wendy Ekman Lewis** are still in Boulder, Colo., with Piper (4) and Carter (3). Last year Arnold became the director of student activities in addition to teaching Spanish at the Alexander Dawson School, and Wendy is an attorney providing services for indigent parents in jeopardy of losing their children. They recently saw **Marc Bruckner** on his cross-country trip, and they frequently see **Tracey Grant Holton** who lives in Denver. ✳ **David Barlow** writes, "I had a terrific experience this past summer performing in NYC with so many other Middlebury alumni in Potomac Theatre Project's *Victory*, directed by Middlebury professor Richard Romagnoli. The show was extremely well received by audience and press alike, which I know reflects very well on the artistic prowess and professionalism of our school." David also performed in a production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* at Hartford Stage in the fall. ✳ An amazing story comes from **James Wilson** in Wisconsin. For years James has been teaching Spanish at the Madison Area Technical College. Eight years ago he met Albert, who was his oldest student at age 75. When it became clear to James that Albert suffered from Alzheimer's disease, James began helping Albert (now age 83). James starred in a public service announcement for the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance. You can see it at dekerivers.wordpress.com/2011/08/30/my-partner-james-wilson-makes-television-promotion-for-dane-countys-alzheimers-walk-september-17th. James writes, "I can say that it has been an interesting journey helping out someone with Alzheimer's, especially since we aren't family. As of this summer, I am Albert's legal guardian—my mom keeps telling me that when given the opportunity to go the extra mile for my students, I take it seriously!" ✳ From the other side of the globe comes this note from **Rachel Campbell O'Donnell.** "We moved to Korea in October with our 18-month-old son. We're enjoying learning a new language and introducing my little son to a new culture. We will be in Seoul for three years, and we plan to travel a lot while we're in Asia; hopefully we'll make it as far as Nepal." ✳ Congratulations to **Martha Mullane Loftus**, who says, "Husband Ralph and I welcomed William Sheldon Loftus on May 24. He joined Emily (2), who is a very loving and helpful big sister. I recently left my position in the superintendent's office of the Boston Public Schools and am teaching in the Foundation Year program at Northeastern Univ. We live in Belmont, Mass." ✳ **John Ludwig** and **Liz Page Calvert** met up in Saco, Maine, for some beach karaoke at his sister's wedding in late July. ✳ **Oliver** and **Sara Morgan Truog** pulled up their roots in Kansas and made the big move to Milton, Mass., in June. Oliver is the new director of operations for Grove Hall Prep Charter School in Dorchester, Mass. Sara completed her master's in library science in December 2010, and their children, Daniel (9) and Nina (5), love being in Massachusetts. Sara and Oliver love it, too, and have reconnected with **Kevin** and **Sarah Bechen Raymond**, **Jake Kritzer**, **Zac Laidley**, **Cisco Heller**, **Sean Kerwin**, and **BJ Fitzsimons**. They are still trying to catch up with **Jeremy Sacco**, who has been busy with his new twin sons! ✳ Special thanks to **Aaron Vander Laan**'s wife, Allison, for encouraging him to send his first-ever submission to *Middlebury Magazine*! Aaron and Allison live in Cincinnati, Ohio, with their very active young son, Aidan, who was born in April 2010. When not playing daddy, Aaron is a partner with the Arnzen, Molloy & Storm law firm across the Ohio River in Covington, Ky. ✳ More congrats to **Ashley Lindell** who writes, "Our second child, Maia Elizabeth Lila, was born in March 2010. She is now 18-months-old with more words every day and she is sure she can do anything big sister Hannah can if she just tries." ✳ **Aletta Barber Sanders** and her family relocated to Indiana in 2008. She's teaching child development and educational psychology at Ball State Univ. and enjoying time with her family. She would love to hear from other Midd alumni in Indiana. You can reach her at aletta@alumni.middlebury.edu. ✳ See a photo on page 75 of some classmates at a July 4 mini-reunion.

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Kirby Harbeck Rosplock was a speaker at Transitions 2011: Family Governance, Legacy, Wealth and Generational Change last April in Orlando, Fla., put on by *Family Business Magazine* and Stetson University's Family Enterprise Center. She is a fourth-generation owner of Babcock Lumber Co. (which celebrated its 130th birthday in 2009), a cotrustee of the Harbeck Family Foundation, and director of research and development for GenSpring. ✳ **Shannon Donnelly** recently joined Baker & McKenzie's global immigration practice in Washington, D.C. Previously she worked 10 years at Dickstein Shapiro, where she focused on employment-related immigration issues. She earned a law degree from American Univ. Washington College of Law. She also received a master's in international affairs from the AU School of International Service. ✳ Last spring **Jane Halladay Goldman** was inducted into the Groton (N.Y.) High School Graduate Hall of Fame in a ceremony hosted by the school's National Honor Society. She works with victims of abuse and rape.

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Brad and **Jackie Pelton Hoglund** are thrilled to announce the arrival of Tessa Lillian and Drew Morris on October 12. Big sister Ellie (3) is adjusting well to her new role! Jackie says, "Life will certainly be busy for a while, and I am planning to spend the rest of this school year at home and will return to the technology dept. of the Wellesley (Mass.) Public Schools in the fall." ✳ **Kristofer Clarke** was on campus over Homecoming, signing copies of his latest book, *'Til It Happens to You,* in the bookstore. ✳ Every season **Josh Shapiro** continues to strengthen the men's soccer program at Tufts Univ. where he is head coach. This year they were 9-4-2 and made it to the NESCAC quarterfinals. He and wife Amy (Leibowitz) '00 live in Medford, Mass., with children Benjamin and Sophie. ✳ As reported in the *Westford* (Mass.) *Eagle,* **Kath Kulis Dailey** and husband Tim had a photography exhibit at the Parish Center for the Arts this past fall. Using a variety of pinhole cameras and cheap plastic Holgas, they created images that have "a timeless feel, full of depth and emotion." Both have exhibited in juried competitions across the U.S. ✳ See you on campus for our 15th reunion, June 8–10.

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A proud dad sent us some news about **Mark Bisanzo**: "Mark recently received a diploma in tropical medicine and hygiene from the Gorgas Institute in Lima, Peru, after several months of study there, which included trips to the Amazon and Andes mountains. Upon his return his wife, Sheila, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Maeve Patricia. Most

recently Dr. Mark has relocated and accepted a position at UMass Medical in Worcester, where he is an assistant professor of emergency medicine, an ER trauma specialist, and an integral part of their international medicine group. Mark and Sheila now reside in Natick, Mass." ✳ **Meg Maloney** sent this update: "On July 1, my husband and I welcomed a son named Brayden Marlatt Graham. He has already made his first trip to Midd (while en route to the wedding of Ron Allen '99) and has told us he plans to go to Midd in 2013 for reunion." ✳ **Kim Schauman** and Adam Davis were married on August 25 in Hau'ula, on the island of Oahu. Kim has since moved from Honolulu to join Adam in L.A., where he is the managing director of the Ford Theatre in Hollywood. Kim will continue her PhD studies in history while in L.A. and looks to get involved in her new community in some (as of yet undetermined) way. ✳ **Raju Sitaula** and wife Diksha live in NYC where he works as a senior VP at CitiGroup. ✳ **Brandon Doyle** sent this note about **Mike Russell**, who passed away on September 24: "Mike's passion for teaching and coaching will always be appreciated by his students and players and his swagger will always be remembered by his friends. He is survived by his beautiful wife, Shawnde, and their two gorgeous children, Marley and Lily." Mike was teaching most recently at Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs as a Spanish teacher and was also coaching soccer. ✳ **Nate Johnson** writes this about **Rob Koger** who passed away on July 25: "Rob was a great classmate, always generous with his smiles and possessing a level of happiness that was highly contagious. We'll miss you, Rob." Obits for Mike and Rob will appear in future issues of the magazine. ✳ After completing a two-year clerkship with the Denver Immigration Court, through the Attorney General's Honors Program, **Camila Sosman Palmer** was hired by Elkind Alterman Hartson as an associate. She earned her juris doctor from Northeastern Univ. School of Law in 2007. ✳ **Andy McPhee** has been named the assistant coach of women's hockey at Brown Univ. Previously he was the head coach of women's hockey at Trinity College, where he was named the 2005, 2008, 2010 NESCAC Coach of the Year.

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In memory of **Dana Renè Gibson**, fellow classmates **Kang Yue**, **Stefan Nedialkov**, and **Cinda Scott** joined Dana's mother and godmother in Paris over Thanksgiving to honor the life of that amazing young woman. Dana loved Paris and requested that she be laid to rest there. Dana died of cancer on May 9, but wanted everyone to know that, "Death is the end of a life, not the end of a relationship." ✳ **Ian Malin** has joined A J Walter Aviation as treasurer and chief investment officer after 11 years in investment banking. ✳ **Chris Eaton** was profiled in the *Addison Independent* recently. After moving back to the Middlebury area with wife Eliza (Cameron) '05, he started his own solar company, Backspin Renewables. His company is partnering with the AllSun Tracker division of AllEarth Renewables and he's the sole local dealer for AllSun's 4.2- and 5.5-kilowatt trackers. ✳ **Chris Lindstrom** and Abbey Haber '01 write, "We are thrilled to announce that Hannah Orly Lindstrom joined us on September 14. Even her brother Doolin (the family dog) approves of his new sister!" ✳ **Deana Becker** has been an active participant in her town's community farming project and has her own flock of chickens in the backyard. ✳ **Andrew Dixon** has relocated to San Francisco and has spotted both **Adam Burns** and **Brendan O'Donohoe** from time to time in the Bay Area. ✳ In Portland, Maine, **Josh Silver** is diligently working as an intellectual property lawyer at Bernstein Shur and **Jed Harris** has become the landlord of an excellent new Mexican restaurant called Zapoteca. He suggests everyone try the ceviche. ✳ **Dan** and **Molly Magill Meyer** and son have relocated to Portland, where Dan is a hospitalist at Maine Medical Center. ✳ **Tim Morse** reports he's seeing a lot of sunrises as an oral-maxillofacial surgery resident at the Univ. of Minnesota. ✳ **Elizabeth Cassidy** is no longer calling Chicago the Second City and has been working for Driehaus, a mutual-fund outfit, for almost two years. ✳ **Joe Kraft** is working by day as an antitrust attorney in Washington, D.C., and as an amateur dog walker for his puppy Annie by night. ✳ **Julie Neal** writes, "In April 2010, Geoff Kunz and I were married in Tucson, Ariz., where my parents live during the winter months. In July, we bought a house in Boulder, Colo., where Geoff and I first met. I'm starting a naturopathic health-care clinic in Boulder and I still see patients at my residency clinic in Colorado Springs part time. Geoff works in finance for T-Mobile. We love our new house and love reconnecting with old friends." ✳ **Peter Brooks** was recently named the director of middle and upper schools at the Lincoln School in Providence, R.I. He earned a master's in independent school leadership from Columbia Univ. Previously he'd been a teacher, dean of faculty, and head of the visual and performing arts dept. at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, Mass. ✳ **Sasha Duerr** recently published *The Handbook of Natural Plant Dyes* (Timber Press). An artist and designer, she works with organic dyes and fibers, focusing on the creative reuse of materials. She founded the Permacouture Institute and teaches at the Calif. College of the Arts, where she earned an MFA in textiles. ✳ **Alison Kling** was a speaker at Green Home NYC's July 2011 Green Building Forum. She has served as the NYC solar coordinator at CUNY since 2009.

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Alan and **Michelle Ruth Frindell** welcomed triplets Audrey Claire, Theresa Karen, and James Jeffrey Frindell on June 7. "They're healthy, smiling, cooing, and grabbing (looks like ponytails for Mom from here on out). They take a lot of energy, and we are blessed with a wonderful support network of friends, family, and neighbors who help us care for them. We're enjoying this crazy journey when we have a moment to contemplate it." ✳ **Forest Carey** is serving as the men's head speed coach for the U.S. Ski Team this winter. As head coach, he led the men's Europa Cup team to nine podium finishes, earning the team its first Europa Cup since 1989. He was also named 2011 USSA Alpine International Coach of the Year. ✳ Profiled in the *Providence Journal*, **Brad Scott** said that 2011 was the best year of his life. He successfully relocated his family's Volkswagen dealership to a larger, refurbished facility and in August he married Lily Engles, director of sales and marketing at Forty 1 North, a hotel and marina resort in Newport, R.I. ✳ In October **Mike Wiser** gave a master class entitled "Creating a Narrative Documentary" that was sponsored by the Harvard Law Documentary Studio. Mike works as a television producer, writer, and journalist for the PBS series Frontline. His most recent film, *The Anthrax Files,* looks into the FBI's investigation of the 2001 anthrax letter attacks.

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Ashley Elicker has accepted a position as senior manager in the finance and planning dept. at Panera Bread Co. and is moving to Boston. She's going to live in the South End and is looking forward to catching up with all her Middlebury friends in the Boston area! ✳ **Pete** and Jeanne Restivo '99 **Jacoby** welcomed Caroline Elizabeth Jacoby on August 2. Pete writes, "Everyone is doing great, although we had forgotten how little sleep you get for those first few months. Hannah (4) has embraced her role of big sister and can't wait until Caroline can start playing with her. We're living the suburban life in Belmont, Mass., where Jeanne is a diabetes nurse practitioner and I work for TomTom as software developer. We loved getting back for reunion to see so many friends and hope to make it back to Midd again soon!" ✳ **Mike Snow**, **Ethan Lacy**, **Elana Wilson Rowe** (from another continent, grounded with flight mechanical problems), and **Sharon Wilson Purdy** had a great time catching up at the fabulous Minnesotan nuptials of **Ellen Guettler** and her new husband, Ben Pofahl. ✳ **Mike Snow** was recently hired as the director of farm operations at Willowsford Farm in Ashburn, Va. ✳ **Jason Ienner** is managing pop band Hot Chelle Rae, who sold over 2,000,000 singles this summer with their song "Tonight Tonight." As the song made its way around the world (Australia, Canada, Holland, Finland, France, Belgium, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Brazil, and the UK), he was readying the second single for debut in the fall. Jason is also the VP of strategy and business development for startup DashBid Media, which launched its self-service video advertising bidding platform this fall. Additionally, he is on the advisory board for **Garrett Dodge**'s Roqbot, Inc. You might also catch him on the OurStage.com music panel. ✳ **Kasie Wallace Enman** continues to earn running honors. She won the U.S. Mountain Running Championship on Cranmore Mountain in New Hampshire and earned a spot on the U.S. team that competed at the world championships in Albania in September. At that competition she captured the women's senior division, completing the 8.59 km course in 40 minutes, 39 seconds, becoming the first U.S. senior woman to earn gold. ✳ **Russell Miller** recently had a post for CA Technologies about the importance of passwords. He manages marketing activities for CA Access Control and CA Virtual Privilege Manager products. ✳ Matt and **Elizabeth Schwarz Schechter** are proud to announce the birth of son Samuel Robert. He was born on October 9 in Durham, N.C. "We couldn't be happier to welcome Sam into our family!" ✳ **John Goldsmith** was recently appointed asset manager at the Hampshire Companies. Previously he worked as an internal consultant for Mooring Financial Corp. ✳ In October **Keith Watts** spoke to car dealers at the Digital Dealer Conference in Las Vegas about how to leverage Facebook to drive business forward. He leads Facebook's auto dealer advertising team. ✳ Look for a 2001 group photo on page 71!

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Scott '00 and **Susie Strife Leach** happily welcomed daughter Riley Kate into the world on July 11. Susie, Scott, and Riley live in Boulder, Colo., where they often après with a great Colorado Midd crew like Peter Ericson '99, Derek Esposito '00, Molly Holmberg Brown '01, and Myles Sibley '00 and frequently get visited by Dave Leach '05. Susie also recently welcomed her parents, Janet and Fred Strife '64, to Colorado where they retired to be close to the mountains and their grandkids. ✳ **Alexis** and **Laura Burke Studley**, along with son Emmett, joyfully welcomed Mathilde "Tilly" last March 29. They've said good-bye to Cambridge and now reside in Hamilton, Mass. ✳ **Anne Alfano** graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and plans to cook her way to NYC. As a backup plan, she hopes to replace the "lunch lady" from *Billy Madison* and serve sloppy joes to the masses. ✳ **Pace Ralli** recently took a position with Scientific Conservation, a company that works to improve energy efficiency in commercial buildings. ✳ **Devon Magee** is living in the San Francisco Bay Area, dealing in wine and spirits. He recently returned from working the grape crush in Bordeaux, France, helping to create the best of 2011 French wines. ✳ Adam and **JoJo Michaels Kreisel** welcomed their second little girl, Charlotte Rose, last April. ✳ **Emily Hatch** set a new pace for herself, running back-to-back marathons within a one-month time frame—the Upstate New York and NYC marathons. ✳ Barrett and **Adrienne Beech Eynon** are proud to announce the birth of Miriam Finn Eynon last February 16 in NYC. They are thrilled to welcome a beautiful red-headed daughter into their lives. After enjoying a few months as a family in NYC, they recently relocated to Chicago and are really enjoying raising Mimi by the lake! ✳ **Kristen Connolly** recently played Cordelia in the off-Broadway production of *King Lear* at the Public Theater in NYC. ✳ **Jesse Oak Taylor** has published a book, *Empowerment on an Unstable Planet: From Seeds of Human Energy to a Scale of Global Change* (Oxford University Press), which he coauthored with his father, Daniel Taylor, and grandfather, the late Carl Taylor. Having earned his doctorate at the Univ. of Wisconsin–Madison, he is a visiting assistant professor and American Council of Learned Societies New Faculty Fellow at the Univ. of Maryland–College Park. ✳ In July Maine honored up-and-coming leaders from around the state and one of 40 recipients was **Josh Broder**, the president at Tilson Technology Management. Tilson was founded by Mike Dow '88. ✳ See you on campus for our 10th reunion, June 8–10!

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Freeman White recently decided to incorporate his new company, NYC-based Launcht, in Vermont where a new law allows a for-profit company to incorporate its larger social mission into its bylaws. Launcht.com is a "crowd-funding" platform that allows fledging businesses to raise capital through gifts from people who believe in what the business is planning to do. ✳ **Richard Barfuss** has been promoted to VP, financial analyst at Peapack-Gladstone Bank, where he has worked since 2010. He lives in Bedminster, N.J. ✳ Seacoast Capital recently announced that **Jamie Donelan** had been promoted from associate to VP. He began his principal investing career as an analyst with Seacoast in 2006 and is based out of the firm's Boston office. ✳ The *Salisbury* (N.C.) *Post* recently had an article about **Buster Smith** who joined the faculty of Catawba College this year as an assistant professor of sociology. He came to Catawba from Baylor Univ. in Waco, Texas, where he worked the past two years as a postdoctoral fellow in the Institute for Studies of Religion. Wife **Ingrid Erickson** was also in the news. She had an exhibit entitled "Petals and Wings: Works in Cut Paper" that ran from December 2 until January 28 at the Rail Walk Studios and Gallery. Her work can be seen in several other galleries and museum shops as well. She earned her K–12 studio art certification from the Maine College of Art in Portland in 2008. ✳ **Matt Batastini** was profiled in the *New Jersey Law Journal*. He was hired last March at Proskauer Rose in Newark after several years at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge.

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04

Alicia Mertz and Steve Washburn '02 are happy to announce their marriage on April 30 in Washington, D.C. Alicia is the manager of global marketing at Michael Kors, the fashion company in NYC, and Steve is a VP with Marsh & McLennan Companies. ✳ In other wedding news, **Amanda Pullins** married Nathan Fend in December 2010. They met at Vanderbilt, where both earned their MBAs. ✳ **Becky Kirkham** and James Clippard were married last January in Larchmont, N.Y. Becky earned her medical degree from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and her husband earned his MBA from UPenn. ✳ **Gregg Eriksen** was recently hired as an associate at Smith Sovik in Syracuse, N.Y. After earning his law degree from Syracuse Univ. College of Law in 2010, he completed a one-year clerkship with Judge Frederick Scullin in the U.S. District Court for Northern New York.

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In July **Dave Lindholm** visited the White House with the Major League Soccer champion Colorado Rapids. Dave works as the director of public relations for the Rapids.

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The Middlebury Class of '06 diaspora continued its westward expansion this past year, primarily to the fleece-lined shores of San Francisco. Among the new troops in the Bay Area is **Rachel Durfee**, who is now working at Google and completed a half-Ironman triathlon in Santa Cruz with **Jamie Wong**. ✳ Also stopping by Nor Cal for athletic pursuits was **Nathan Edmunds**, who famously and shockingly missed his five-year reunion and has been in a futile bid for redemption by running marathons. He ran the SF one in July and is now back in Baltimore living with his girlfriend and teaching and coaching tennis at the Field School. ✳ **Electra Smith Kinney** is also living in the Bay Area with her husband—**Alex Casnocha** recently spotted her downtown and repeatedly yelled her name from across the street, but she wisely ignored him. ✳ **Sally Hartman** was spotted taking the bar exam in Oakland—she graduated from law school at the Univ. of Texas and is getting an LLM in tax at NYU before moving west. ✳ Also in SF, **Mitch St. Peter** can be found most mornings at 4 a.m. hailing a cab on his way into work at Credit Suisse. The PST zone does have its advantages though, as the early mornings translate into early afternoons off, and Mitch has, *allegedly*, re-found his putting stroke on the greens that eluded him for much of his college career. ✳ **Aaron Herter** is also living in SF with wife Natalie (Shettle) '07, and **Dan Saper** is working at a start-up called Passbox and has just moved into a beautiful apartment in Russian Hill with his girlfriend. As Dan told us, "It's got great light for a mid-afternoon nap," which, if you ever lived with Saper, you know is of vital concern. ✳ And newlyweds **Jono** and **Jackie Goulart Berliner** have moved to San Francisco to begin their residencies. Jono is doing his in orthopedic surgery at UCSF and Jackie, after completing a year in internal medicine in Stanford, will also complete her residency at UCSF in dermatology. They got their MDs last spring, spent a month hiking in Nepal, and then lived out the Middlebury dream by getting hitched at Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes in October. ✳ A big mazel tov goes out to **Ari Beilin** and **Lily Knopman**, who got married over Labor Day, also in Vermont. Many Middlebury alums were there to celebrate the swimming vs. tennis union, including **Matt Rales**, who is absolutely living his dream in the D.C. area, as his grass-based livestock farm, Grassential, has become one of the top sellers of rabbit to high-end restaurants in the district. Also in attendance were **Ed** and **Emily Egan Allen**, who are living and teaching together at the Berkshire School in Massachusetts, and **Brittany Potz**, who is finishing up at the Univ. of Albany Medical School and more importantly, as this issue went to deadline, still throwing her legendary "Mistletoe Mania" parties in NYC. ✳ Also walking down the aisle this past year, separately, were **Hillary Brooks**, who married Mac Jackson, and **Peter Hall**. And to help keep the '06-Midd-Kids-marrying-'06-Midd-Kids tradition alive, **Grace Kronenberg** married **David Coriell** and **Katie Fehsenfeld** married **Geoff Dillon**. All weddings had very large Middlebury contingents. Congratulations to all. ✳ **Sean Breen** married Virginia Harper '07 in Virginia's home state of South Carolina. **Dan Saper**, **Abbas Hajizadeh**, and **Dan Phillips** were groomsmen. Sean and his wife are living in NYC. ✳ Also in the city is **Ian Duffy**, who is working at KPMG and is currently planning his trip to L.A. to visit **Jack Donaldson** (right?). He rode out Hurricane Irene with **Alex Casnocha**, who was visiting in a perfectly timed trip to Manhattan. ✳ **Jon Sisto** is in NYC with a new job at Credit Suisse. Before starting he spent some time in SF, where he crushed a few Giants games and played some of the greatest golf courses in the world, including Pebble Beach. Jon lives with **Gabe Wood**, who just started his second year at Columbia Business School. They get together frequently with **J.P. Coviello**, who is single-handedly keeping the Lululemon men's line in the black. ✳ **Michael Accordino** takes sporadic trips back from his fishing boat to the mainland, where he has to interact with non-fish for work in the city. ✳ **Michael Kagan** lives in Brooklyn but recently made a trip to L.A. to work on the tan and scope out hipster fashions in advance of Coachella 2012. While there he saw **Sam Daly**, who can be seen in this month's Lucasfilm picture, *Red Tails*, also starring Bryan "Breaking Bad" Cranston and Method Man. He unfortunately did not see **Annie Stamell**, who, now that she is working as the writer's assistant on the new Fox TV show *The Finder*, decided to big-time Mike and leave him high and dry while she rubbed elbows

with the glitterati. ✳ There's a bit of a Philadelphia movement brewing as well. **Bez Johnston** is clerking in the City of Brotherly Love before moving back to Boston, where she'll join Ropes & Gray as an associate. **Channing Weymouth** is the acting women's AD at Penn Charter School. She's desperately looking for friends. And **Schuyler Winstead** is finishing up veterinary school at Penn. ✳ The Class of 2006 is nothing if not passionate about their education. **Henry Sheehan** has started at the Darden School of Business at UVA. ✳ **Andreas Apostolatos** has started at Middlebury 2.0, a.k.a. Tuck Business School at Dartmouth, where he's joined by **Rob Hillas** and **Alex Nadas**, as well as second-year student **Emily Lisbon**. ✳ **Laura McMahon** is at the Univ. of Chicago Business School, but since she deliberately refused to attend the five-year reunion she's asked us all to lose her number. ✳ Also flagrantly missing reunion was **Georgia Jolink**, who is in her third year of law school at the Univ. of Texas. After graduation she'll be moving to Houston to work for the firm Baker & McKenzie in their commercial litigation group. It should also be noted she runs a pretty good Tumblr site. ✳ **Gary Roosa** teaches history in Tampa, Fla. Those that have visited know that he is truly living the high life. **George Keiser**, **Pete McSherry**, **Pat Philips**, and many others have made the annual trek down to Florida for the Gasparilla Pirate Festival. However, they all agree that Gasparilla will never rival the ridiculousness of running Bay to Breakers in San Francisco as the Jamaican bobsled team. ✳ Also down in the Sunshine State is **Coleman Hutzler**, who is an assistant football coach at the Univ. of Florida. He lives there with wife Cobey and has graciously hosted numerous Middlebury friends who have made the visit to Gainesville. **Dom DiDomenico** also made a visit to watch the Gators play Tennessee in "The Swamp." ✳ In keeping with the Southern flavor, **Ryan Armstrong** is happily married going on three years and living in Nashville, Tenn., where he works in the recruiting industry for the Holland Square Group, a technology firm. He is absolutely dominating the softball, volleyball, and flag-football adult league scene. Anyone who witnessed his bomb in the Baseball vs. Super Troopers softball game during senior week knows what we're talking about. ✳ **Andrew Pavoni** recently moved apartments in the West Village and is working at OpenSky, a fast-growing social media and retail website. Andrew has also, to the surprise of nearly everyone, been able to maintain his charm and good looks as he makes his way through his 20s. ✳ Joining the growing throng of lawyers is **Julia Cardozo**, who recently graduated from the Univ. of Maryland law school and is clerking for a judge in Baltimore. ✳ **Alexandra Ragan** just graduated from law school at Emory Univ. and is working and living in Atlanta, Ga. Also in Atlanta and practicing law is **David Freedman**, who is an associate at Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs. ✳ I (**Alex**) also just graduated from UC Hastings Law and joined Keesal, Young & Logan as an associate in their San Francisco office this past fall. I am in many ways still celebrating the Giants World Series of 2010. ✳ **Anna Spiegel** was just named assistant food and wine editor of the *Washingtonian* magazine and recently wrote a very popular article comparing lobster rolls at chain restaurants. ✳ **Heather Wright Vickery** moved to Seoul, South Korea, with husband Brian '05. ✳ Since we (Jack and Alex) just joined the class correspondent ranks, we wanted to write a quick note about our reunion last summer. I think we can all agree that it was perhaps the greatest weekend of our lives. Beautiful weather, a beautiful campus, surrounded by old friends, and flooded with memories. I'm sure that over the course of the past five years we've all had a quiet moment or two where we've sat down and gone through old pictures from our time at school, from freshman orientation through graduation morning, wherever the pull of nostalgia leads us. It's a special thing to be able to return and relive those memories together once every five years. In that spirit, we can't wait to see everyone at the 10 year, but we hope we see you well before that! ✳ Finally, our apologies to **Tyler Bak**. We really wanted to include an update on Tyler, but unfortunately we just ran out of space. We'll get his notes in the next issue.

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07 REUNION CLASS

We hope to see everyone on campus June 8–10 for our fifth reunion! ✳ **Zachary Chen** writes, "I'm a first-year student at Vermont Law School. I'm very happy to be back in the Green Mountain State and looking forward to connecting with other Midd Kids in the area! I've already run into **Ross Lieb-Lappen**, **Hugo Lara**, and **Zhe Zhang** and husband Sam Padgett '06 on separate occasions." ✳ Sebastian Paulsson '09 sent word that he and **Sarah Shaikh** became engaged April 29 and are planning a December 2012 wedding in India. "Thanks to all family and friends who joined us for our celebration! See you in India for the wedding!"

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08

Thanks to all of the Class of '08 who wrote in with updates! Here is what your classmates are up to: In July, **Erica O'Brien** directed Hecate Theatre's all-female production of *Twelfth Night* as part of the Bristol Shakespeare Festival, to great success. She is still pursuing her PhD in Bristol, England. ✳ **Brooke Siem** has opened Prohibition Bakery in NYC, a cupcake shop that specializes in boozy, mini-cupcakes. ✳ **Erin Lackey** is now working as the creative director at Jugular Communications in NYC. She specializes in writing and designing websites, as well as developing and maintaining corporate social media pages. ✳ **Emily Molitor** now lives in NYC. She's working in social media at Bloomberg. ✳ **Kayla Race** works as an advocate for environmental justice policy at a San Diego-based nonprofit organization. The organization advocates protecting the health and environment of local low-income communities. ✳ **Marika Ross** finished her Montessori training in Portland, Ore., and promptly moved to Santa Cruz, Calif. She's teaching in a small school and reports it's consistently hilarious, but outrageously draining. Thank goodness for snack time! Marika hasn't run into any Middlebury kids out in Santa Cruz yet, but lots of Monterey Institute people. ✳ **Nick Monier** finished his first year of law school at Tulane Univ. He spent the summer in Texas interning for Judge Vanessa Gilmore in the Southern District of Texas. Nick has started up his second year and will be in Dallas this summer with Haynes and Boone law firm. ✳ Midd Kids from the class of '08 are starting to tie the knot: **Esther Guidos** and Sashim Kaul were married on July 15 and 16 in traditional Christian and Hindu ceremonies. Lots of family and friends, including Midd alumni and faculty, celebrated with the couple over two days. The celebration culminated in a big Bollywood fiesta! ✳ **Heather Harken** and **Ted Parker** were married on August 6 in a ceremony at Mead Chapel, widely attended by their Middlebury friends. Spencer Leonard took amazing photographs and the Waybury Inn hosted the reception, at which The Grift entertained the guests. ✳ **Marnie Rowe** and **Robby Potish** proudly contributed to the Middlebury statistic when they also tied the knot on August 6 in Orleans, Mass. A great time was had by all! ✳ **Amanda Smith** and J.P. Spatola were married in September at the Greenwich Country Club. The wedding was attended by a bunch of Midd grads! They are living with their dog Bear in NYC, where Amanda is an associate for Credit Suisse and J.P. is a trader. ✳ The Utah Nordic Alliance hired **Matt Johnson** as the program director and head coach. He was working as the assistant Nordic coach at Burke Mountain Academy. ✳ Last spring **Paul Thibodeau** received his JD degree from Roger Williams School of Law in Rhode Island. ✳ Check out a 2008 mini-reunion photo on page 73!

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Ruby Bolster, now a Teach For America alumna, lives in the Census-designated place of Pueblo Pintado, where she is spending a third year as a first-grade teacher at Pueblo Pintado Community School on the Navajo Reservation. While absolutely in the middle of nowhere (an hour-and-a-half drive for groceries), Pueblo Pintado is only about 100 miles from her hometown, Durango, Colo., where she returns on the weekends to ski, bike, and hike. ✳ **Evan Beilin** lives in Boston, Mass., and is beginning his third year as a middle and high school Spanish teacher at St. Sebastian's School in Needham, Mass., where he is also an assistant coach for varsity football and tennis. ✳ **Mario Ariza** completed a master's in Hispanic cultural studies at Columbia Univ. last June and lives in NYC where he works as an upper school Spanish teacher at the Marymount School. ✳ **Hannah Babcock** teaches ESL history at a private school in Connecticut, where she also coaches cross-country running, ice hockey, and softball. She will begin working toward her MEd this winter. ✳ After leaving his position at the small cap private equity firm Revolution Capital Group in L.A., **Miles Barnett** attended Middlebury's Portuguese School this past summer. He lives in Boston and is pursuing a master's in economics from Brandeis Univ., where he hopes to specialize in Latin American economic development and international finance. ✳ **Stefan Claypool** is a first-year MBA student at the S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell Univ. ✳ **Nicole Conti** recently completed an MA in art history from the Univ. of Texas (with Susanna Gorski '05) and moved to Minneapolis to pursue a PhD at the Univ. of Minnesota. ✳ After finishing her paralegal job at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in NYC, **Allison Bailey** moved to Chicago in August to begin her first year of law school at Northwestern Univ. ✳ **Katie Crecelius** is also pursuing a law degree at the Univ. of Iowa in Iowa City. ✳ For the past two years, **Jeffrey Cloutier** has been living in London and working toward a PhD at University College London on an NIH Marshall Scholarship. He will return to Washington, D.C., soon to complete the last two years of his PhD in a lab at the National Institutes of Health. Following this, he plans to go to

medical school to receive training to become a physician-scientist. ✳ **Ian Drummond** has been playing professional ice hockey in Sweden for the last two years. After this past season, he decided it was time to do other things and enrolled in a postbaccalaureate program through Harvard Univ. in preparation for medical school. ✳ In August, **Leah Anderson** graduated from Middlebury's Spanish School with an MA after studying in Madrid, Spain, for the past year. She's arranging a move to Chicago within the next few months. ✳ **Alexander Benepe** lives in NYC, where he directed preparations for the fifth annual Quidditch World Cup, hosted by the International Quidditch Assoc., a 501(c)(3) he founded in 2010. Six years ago this was a game played by a dozen Midd Kids wearing towel-capes and playing with garbage-can goals; this past November, almost 100 college teams and 2,000 athletes from 22 states and four nations attended the event. Alex is honored to continue developing the dream of **Xander Manshel**, inventor of the real-life version of the game. And Middlebury won again for its fifth consecutive Quidditch World Cup! ✳ Since graduation, **Blake Berman** has been living in NYC where he works in actuarial consulting and product development/marketing at Guy Carpenter. His work allows him to use the math and communication skills he learned at Middlebury while traveling all over the country. Outside of work, he volunteers at Harlem Academy, a highly selective school for underprivileged, gifted kindergarten–8th graders in Harlem. Middlebury graduates still form the nucleus of Blake's friends, and he has enjoyed meeting other Midd Kids after graduation. He lives with **Max Sinsheimer** and keeps in touch with **Brian Marcks**, **Andrew Matson**, Christine Chung '10, Rachel Durfee '06, and **Kevin O'Rourke**. He also went to San Francisco to visit **John Havel** and attend the Patriots vs. Raiders football game. This past summer, Blake and his friends leased a house in Amagansett, Long Island, where they escaped on the weekends to enjoy the beach and various festivities. ✳ **Brendan Campbell** works on the business development team at Thomson Reuters to improve their data coverage for the Indian financial markets. He worked for the company in NYC for about a year and recently moved to Mumbai, where he will be on assignment through July 2012. He's really looking forward to traveling around India. ✳ After graduation, **Siddharth Baveja** moved to Houston, Texas, to work in oil and gas investment banking at Goldman Sachs for two years. Now he lives in London, where he works in the business development group for the e-commerce company Viagogo, an online marketplace for ticket sales for live events. He's having a great time living in London and encourages any Midd Kids passing through (especially Class of '09!) to contact him and say "Hi." ✳ **Eric DePriester** lives in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, where he serves as the deputy editor and writer for a travel guide, City Pass, which is French-owned but operates out of Vietnam and covers the entire country. He is also working on a novel and traveling as much as possible. ✳ **David Dolginow** works at Sunrise Orchards in Cornwall, Vt., for fellow alum Barney Hodges '91. While working on the operational side of the orchard with sales, deliveries, and crop storage, he is also helping them develop a line of value-added apple products, using exclusively Sunrise apples, and a frozen fruit and vegetable line with produce sourced from family farms in New England. ✳ **Clare Crosby** lives nearby in Middlebury with Carolyn Fox '11 and Ben Weir '11 and works in the Sustainability Integration Office at the College as the communication and outreach coordinator, a position she has held since she graduated. ✳ After a brief stint living and working in New Orleans, **Will Damron** is now back home in Gloucester, Va., where he's making a living as a full-time actor for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. ✳ **Cassidy Edwards** lives in Traverse City, Mich., where she runs a program called Fresh Food Partnership, whose mission is to supply the region's emergency food system with fresh local produce while also supporting their local agricultural economy by paying a fair market price for the produce. She also recently started a master's in counseling at Western Michigan Univ. Cassidy is, of course, still skiing, more coaching than racing though. She helped her local club develop a junior elite program, which she now co-coaches. ✳ Immediately following graduation, **Anna Draft** moved to Aspen, Colo., where she worked as the assistant director of operations for Challenge America, a nonprofit organization supporting injured military personnel and their families. When she wasn't busy working, she was recreating, hard. She recently moved to San Francisco and absolutely loves all the reconnections she has been making with other Middlebury alumni. She's studying for the LSAT and working on some entrepreneurial projects on the side. ✳ **Jack Cuneo** lives in Boulder, Colo., where he works as a buyer for Whole Foods, studies and teaches yoga, and spends as much time as possible in the mountains. ✳ **Anna Clock** has guided deep-sea fishing trips out of her hometown of Seward, Alaska, every summer since graduation. This past summer was her second season running the boat on her own, after earning her captain's license. In the winters, she has been working as a substitute teacher and a Japanese guest services front desk agent at the Westin Maui Resort. Anna is taking classes on a scholarship from Crowley Maritime Corp. in order to get her Able Bodied Tankerman Assistant endorsement on her Merchant Mariner's Credential. With the AB Tankerman endorsement, she hopes to continue shipping out in Alaskan waters and to make some real money in the off-(nonfishing)-season. ✳ This December, **Jessica Clayton** finished her two-year stint as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay, where she was working with women's committees and building chicken coops. **Bobbi Heidbreder** visited Jessica for some adventuring in Paraguay and Buenos Aires. ✳ **Lindsey Dattels** has also been volunteering with the Peace Corps in Cameroon. ✳ In early June, **Sean Denny** began a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in Cameroon in a village surrounded by rain forest. He says the village is already well aware that he loves wildlife. As a high school biology teacher, he teaches roughly 400 students in four classes, and he also runs the school's health club of about 100 students. The teachers Sean works with are friendly, and they play soccer with the students on Friday evenings after school. ✳ After graduation, **Rodrigo Dominguez Villegas** moved to the Dominican Republic to volunteer in a small rural community with The Mariposa DR Foundation, primarily to conduct a need-assessment study. He produced a full census of the community in order to design, run, and evaluate programs for the community of Tres Ceibas. He designed and ran after-school programs in both a multi-age one-room schoolhouse and within the larger, traditional public school to provide young adults with the marketable skills needed to work in the tourism industry on the North Coast of the DR. More than 80 students completed Rodrigo's program last year, and the model English program that he created is currently used with The Mariposa Girls Leadership Program. Following this volunteer year, Rodrigo worked as a full-time English teacher at Universidad Abierta para Adultos through June 2011, teaching various courses in English language and culture as well as a course on the geography of international tourism. Next year, he will remain in the Dominican Republic to work as a private tutor and a language instructor at Cabarete Language Institute.

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Alice Ford reports: Greetings from the Greater New York City area. (Okay, so Connecticut is not usually considered to be the greater part of NYC, but work with me here.) As we head into 2012, the class of 2010 has been making great strides in the world. ✳ **Jack Reed** has left Connecticut and moved out to L.A., where he says it's "literally the best day of summer every day!" He is a master of the fine arts candidate at Otis College of Art and Design and is pursuing his career as an artist. Great job, Jack, and way to escape the snow and ice storms we love so dearly here in New England. ✳ **Connor Burleigh** is also traveling away from the Connecticut area (I'm sensing a trend here) and has decided to engage in New Zealand shenanigans with Bobby Gosney '09, Mike Pappa '11, Tom Lynch '13 (taking a year off), Spencer Paddock '09, Max Levine '09, and Alex White '09. The Midd rugby players reunited to watch the Rugby World Cup. While in the country, they met up with Neil Danner '09 and Dylan Whitaker '13. Connor was spotted on NBC's broadcast of the Ireland v. USA rugby game, sporting MCRC's jersey, making us all proud that he is able to yell the United States national anthem. ✳ **Jamie Mittelman** is also traveling to a place that is not Connecticut. She worked for the Asian University for Women in Chittagong, Bangladesh, as an English grammar teacher and yoga instructor this past year, and she is now backpacking around Europe—too bad backpacking doesn't earn frequent flyer miles. ✳ **Jamie Herther** and **Clare Zutz** are roommates in Boston. Jamie is working at Google as an online account manager for health-care advertisers. Who said health-care advertising couldn't be interesting? ✳ **Celia Rothschild** is living in Chicago and teaching teenagers with special education needs and coaching high school field hockey at North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, Ill. When not working as a teacher and coach, she spends the majority of her time retracing the steps of Macauley Culkin in *Home Alone*. ✳ **Hannah Robertson** was awarded a 2011 Audio Engineering Society Educational Grant for Graduate Studies and is working on a master's in music technology at McGill University's Schulich School of Music.

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Pursuing their MAs in human security and development, **Casey Mahoney** and **Lauren Redfield** are taking advantage of the Midd/MIIS integration and sharing a lovely bay-view apartment in Monterey, Calif. ✳ **John Garrett** is working on a PhD in medical physics at the Univ. of Wisconsin–Madison and doing medical-imaging research. ✳ **Mike Gaskin** is working in the outdoor industry in Boston and preparing to go to grad school for transportation policy and planning. ✳ **Jack Terrett** is pursuing a PhD in organic chemistry at Princeton Univ.

✷ **Sophie Clarke** wrote this about her stint on *Survivor:* "I won! It was a transformative experience and has fundamentally changed the way I approach everything in life. Now I'm off the island, at Mount Sinai medical school, eating again, sleeping in a soft bed, and enjoying the fruits of my labor!" ✷ **Jia Coco Liu** is doing a PhD in environmental health science at Yale. ✷ **Sean Maye** is studying law at the Univ. of Miami while also getting a joint MBA degree. ✷ **Raymond Queliz** is in NYC studying to get his JD from New York Law School. ✷ **Madeline Dubner** works as an immigration paralegal at Seyfarth Shaw law firm in Boston. ✷ **Rafael Velez** is teaching second grade ESL at Marie Reed Elementary School in Washington, D.C. ✷ **Emily Culp** is student teaching seventh grade English in Middlebury and loving it! ✷ **Mathew Rojas** is doing Teach For America in Chicago, working as a bilingual kindergarten special education teacher. ✷ **Tanjila Sultana** majored in economics at Middlebury and recently accepted a position as an economist at Labaton Sucharow, a law firm that does antitrust investigations and other class actions. Tanjila will be collecting and analyzing data from public and private sources to assist firm attorneys in case investigation, selection, analysis, and development and performing statistical calculations and other data management exercises. ✷ **Eric Bartolotti** is working as a foreign language teaching assistant in Ried im Innkreis, Austria, for the 2011–2012 school year. ✷ **Moriel Rothman** recently moved to Jerusalem, where he is working for the coming year as a Social Justice Fellow with the New Israel Fund/Shatil and with Rabbis for Human Rights. ✷ **Austin Davis** bailed on Watson Fellowship Plan A and decided to move to London and try to do some good—but this time in English. ✷ **Zach Schuetz** completed a summer Java internship in San Mateo, Calif., and is prepping to move to Japan. ✷ **Jamie Studwell** lives in Bangladesh and works as a writing tutor/teaching assistant at the Asian University for Women. ✷ **Maddie Kahn** moved to Santa Fe, N.M., to begin a six-month editorial internship at *Outside Magazine.* Check out December's issue for her first byline! ✷ **Evan Masseau** says, "I finished my MIDDstart project, 'The Brain in Lights,' over the summer from home in Vermont. And now I've moved to D.C. to start a new research job at the NIH." ✷ **Ryan Scura** is working on a yearlong documentary about New Hampshire surfers with lifelong friend and RISD 2011 graduate Dylan Ladds. The project was kick-started by Middlebury's Stonehenge Grant; you can follow their progress at thegranitestoke.blogspot.com. ✷ **Julie Tschirhart** works as a program coordinator for the Massachusetts Association of CDCs (Community Development Corporations) in Boston. ✷ **Jake Moritz** is building furniture for a freelance industrial designer in San Francisco. ✷ **Viveka Ray-Mazumder** works as the community organizer for the Asian American Institute in Chicago. ✷ **Amanda Perry** is working as a gallery assistant at the Paul Thiebaud Gallery in New York. ✷ **Amanda Lee**, a professional runner for Oiselle Racing, is training full time in Flagstaff, Ariz., for the 2012 U.S. Olympic track and field team trials. ✷ **Samantha Dembicer** is working as an alumnae intern at School of the Holy Child in Rye, N.Y. She assists in the math dept. and the guidance and college counseling office. ✷ **Allie Astolfi** is the assistant coach for the men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field teams at RPI.

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31 **Elizabeth Pease Felt**, 100, of Greensboro, N.C., on May 17, 2011. With a lifelong interest in music, she was an organist and choir director for many years. She was active in the National Federation of Music Clubs, the Euterpe Club, Westridge Gardeners, PEO Sisterhood Chapter J, Alliance Française, and was president of the Faculty Wives of Woman's College at UNC Greensboro. Predeceased by husband William, she is survived by daughter Marcia, her husband, and two grandchildren.

32 **Ella Congdon Purple**, 99, formerly of Hamilton, N.Y., on April 11, 2011. She received valedictory honors for the Women's College and graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from Middlebury. Before marrying, she taught French, Latin, and history at Schuyler Lake (N.Y.) High School. While her children were growing, she was an active volunteer with Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. In Hamilton she was active in the Methodist Church, gave book reviews at the local library, was secretary of her literary club, helped serve meals to senior citizens, and was chairperson of the auxiliary of health care at the Elderly Center. Predeceased by husband George, she is survived by sons Robert and Richard, daughters Lee, Lynne '63, and Leslie, 12 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include nieces Linda Durfee Dean '58 and Lorine Durfee Hagar '63.

34 **Margery Plue Young**, 97, of Orwell, Vt., on July 4, 2011. After college, she taught before she married. Once her children were grown, she worked at the First National Bank of Orwell for 20 years before retiring. She and her husband enjoyed traveling in retirement as well as spending time in Florida and on Lake Hortonia, Vt. Predeceased by husband Robert, son Bruce, and granddaughter Cheryl, she is survived by sons Robert, Roger, Peter, and Mark, 18 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

35 **Grace Harris Wieners**, 96, of Whiting, N.J., on July 3, 2011. Active in Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she ultimately received her 50-year pin. After graduating she attended Berkeley Secretarial School and worked for GMAC in Newark, N.J. She was active in several organizations, including the American Cancer Society. Predeceased by first husband John Hornaday and second husband Judson Corbin, she is survived by husband William, daughters Marion Lewald and Nancy McGibbon '66, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Dorothy Harris Ramsey '39.

36 **Bevalie Cone Pritchard**, 96, of Norwich, Vt., on June 12, 2011. She worked for several years for the Girl Scouts before marrying and settling in Ithaca, N.Y. While raising her children, she took art courses and later worked part time in the art dept. of the School of Architecture at Cornell Univ. She served as president of the Tompkins County Medical Auxiliary and continued her volunteer work at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital after moving to Vermont. She was also instrumental in establishing the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley and served as president of the District UU Women's Federation. Predeceased by husband Dale '35, she is survived by sons Jeffrey and Alan '65, daughter Pamela Orchard '69, and grandchildren Christopher '00 and Katherine '04 Orchard. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Elizabeth Cone '46.

37 **Carol Bloom Chalmers**, 95, of Manhattan, Kan., on June 13, 2011. From 1938–1943 she taught at the high school and college levels. While raising her children, she was an active volunteer and community member. She joined the League of Women Voters in 1945 and served on boards in New York and Kansas. In Kansas she also served on the North Central Guidance Center board and Pawnee Comprehensive Mental Health Center board and was a founding member of the Community Health Council for Manhattan/Riley County. Another focus was court reform and she served on several justice advisory panels and committees. Predeceased by husband John '38, she is survived by son Jim, daughters Carolyn and Jinny, many grandchildren, including John Chalmers '85, James Chalmers '91, and Seth Janus '95, and several great-grandchildren.

39 **Elinor Wieland Cain**, 92, of York, Pa., on May 9, 2011. Returning to Middlebury in 1942, she worked on her master's in French, earning it in 1944, and was also a housemother in "Bat Cot." For 30 years she taught at Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park, N.Y., and also served as chair of the language dept. During the '40s, in the summers, she served as secretary of the French School at Middlebury and then as the director to the precursor of the language laboratory under Dr. Stephen Freeman's direction. In 1976 she and her husband retired to Florida. Predeceased by husband Nelson, she is survived by daughters Janet Cochran and Barbara Froman, son Gordon, and three grandchildren.

Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey, 93, of Litchfield, Conn., on April 15, 2011. At Middlebury she was the advertising manager for the *Campus* and was capped for Mortar Board. After college she worked for several different firms in NYC as a foreign language secretary, utilizing her Spanish and French. Active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, she was a member for 69 years and served in various state and local positions. She compiled the *Registry of Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Litchfield County* and edited *Edmund Johnston Graves Family Letters* and *The Royal Descent of Edmund Johnston Graves and Associated Families.* She worked in real estate in the 1980s and '90s. Predeceased by husband James, she is survived by sons Howard, James, and Henry, and seven grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include cousins Edgar Berry '37 and Robert Berry '42. Surviving Middlebury relatives include William Berry '71 and Dorothy Berry Plessner '78.

William J. Stoops, 93, of Sun Valley, Calif., on April 19, 2011. A DKE at Middlebury, he was a captain in the Army Air Corps. during WWII and flew 37 combat missions as a navigator from India and Tinian Island. He worked for several companies over the years, including General Aniline and Film-Ansco Div., Hamilton Watch Co., Wilson Paper Co., and C.F. Braun, retiring in 1986. He was on the board of directors of various companies including Kentucky Jewelers Assoc., Santa Anita Lawn Bowling Club, and the Eaton Canyon Men's Golf Club. He was active with Meals on Wheels, Big Brother, and as a literacy tutor. Predeceased by wife Marilyn (Hubert), survivors include daughter Katharine, and son William.

40 **Bettina Ansart Mayo**, 92, formerly of Holyoke, Mass., on June 23, 2011. After graduation, she worked at Henry Holt Publishing Co. then during WWII she worked for the Office of Price Administration. Moving to Holyoke with her family in 1962, she volunteered at the hospital and local library and served on the board of the nonprofit Loomis House. She loved playing tennis and bridge. Predeceased by husband Willard '42, she is survived by daughters Jane and Nancy, sons Willard and Richard, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Curtis F. McDowell, 92, of Chicago, Ill., on May 6, 2011. He grew up in Angola, where his father was the first African-American missionary from the American Missionary Assoc. to serve there. With a master's in English from BU and a law degree from the Univ. of Chicago, he began practicing law in the late 1940s and was a longtime partner in Seaberry & McDowell. The Cook County Bar Assoc. recognized him with an award for 50 years of service. He was one of the original founders of Trinity United Church of Christ and presided over construction of the original church. He was an avid tennis and bridge player. Predeceased by wife Mary (Albey), he is survived by son H. Lynn, daughters Sylvia and Melody, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Natalie Bailey Phillips, 93, of Carver, Mass., on June 28, 2011. After two years at Middlebury, she transferred to Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston, graduating in 1939. She worked as a secretary in the retail business followed by work in a high school office and library. Returning to school, she earned a BS from Eastern Connecticut State in 1971. Moving to Carver, she became involved in the Plymouth Women's Club, the Cabot Club of Middleboro, and the Salvation Army Auxiliary. Predeceased by husband Harold, she is survived by daughter Joan, son Richard, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

41 **Malcolm Freiberg**, 91, of Cambridge, Mass., on June 27, 2011. During WWII, he served in the Army, receiving a Bronze Star. With a PhD from Brown Univ., he taught American history at various colleges before becoming the editor of publications at the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1957, retiring in 1984. He was the author of *Prelude to Purgatory: Thomas Hutchinson in Provincial Massachusetts Politics, 1760–1770* and many sketches of *Sibley's Harvard Graduates.* Predeceased by wife Mildred (Pansy) and daughter Ann, he is survived by daughter Sarah Ellison, her husband, and two grandchildren.

42 **Margaret Grant Eades**, 86, of Castle Rock, Colo., on February 27, 2007. After leaving Middlebury, she attended Taylor Business School in Philadelphia and worked in the credit dept. in Gimbel Brothers department store. She retired from the William Penn School District where she was the accountant for the school lunch programs. She enjoyed singing in church choirs and community choral groups. Predeceased by first husband Eldred Gonzalez, she is survived by daughters Jean Webber and Marjorie Harrison, five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father George '17, mother Helen (Cussons) '17, and brothers Robert '40 and Philip '44.

Sarah Tyler Vickers, 90, of Coopers Mills, Maine, on May 6, 2010. She spent two years at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass., before marrying and spending a year in Middlebury working in the College Editor's office. She lived in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Chicago, and Honolulu while her husband taught and was headmaster at various schools. In 1987 they retired to Islesboro, Maine. Predeceased by husband Allen '43 in 2009, she is survived by daughters Christina and Virginia, son Tyler, and four grandchildren.

43 **George W. Nitchie**, 90, of Hingham, Mass., on June 6, 2011. With a master's and PhD from Columbia Univ., he taught English for 40 years at Simmons College and served as chair of the English department. He retired in 1986 as professor emeritus. A writer of poetry, he served as poet laureate at Simmons and was also the author of two books, *Marianne Moore, An Introduction to the Poetry*, and *Human Values in the Poetry of Robert Frost.* He was a member of the Fine Arts Chorale and the Linden Pond Singers and he and his wife took several trips abroad with the New York Oratorio Society, performing in Europe. Predeceased by wife Laura (Woodward), he is survived by daughters Katherine, Rebecca, and Judith, foster son Felix Antero, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Betty Attenhofer VanValkenburg, 89, of Southbury, Conn., on May 13, 2011. While raising her daughter, she was a homemaker, did volunteer work for hospitals and the library, and helped with several Middlebury fund-raising campaigns. She and her husband traveled extensively and were residents for 40 years of Candlewood Isle, Conn. Predeceased by husband Howard, she is survived by daughter Nancy '77.

Stephen G. Wilson, 90, of Portland, Ore., on July 11, 2011. A Delta Upsilon, he left Middlebury to join the Marine Corps in the 3rd Marine Regiment. Shipped to Samoa and Guadalcanal in the South Pacific, he took part in the invasion of Bougainville during WWII and attained the rank of captain. Originally working in the publishing and printing industry, he switched to a career in insurance where he worked for 32 years. He enjoyed reading and time spent in the great outdoors. Survivors include wife Elizabeth (Dailey), son Douglas, daughter Mary, and seven grandchildren.

44 **Jane Stearns Brown**, 89, of Oak Bluffs, Mass., on April 18, 2011. After earning a master's from Columbia Univ., she had a long career in teaching at several levels, from postgraduate down to kindergarten. She also taught remedial reading. She then earned an MS in counseling from Virginia Tech. In 1992 she moved to her cottage on Martha's Vineyard in Oak Bluffs and joined in many activities. A prolific writer of poetry, she self-published two books, *Home At Last* and *Breaking Through.* Predeceased by husband Herbert, she is survived by sons William, Robert, and Chris, four stepchildren, and several grandchildren.

Jean B. Milligan, 89, of Burlington, Vt., on July 6, 2011. After graduating, she earned an MN at Yale School of Nursing then a master's from Teachers College at Columbia Univ. in 1951. In 1953 she joined the nursing faculty at UVM and became dean of the School of Nursing in 1974. Along the way she earned an MEd and EdD from Columbia. She retired in 1987 as a professor emerita. Her contributions to her profession earned her the Distinguished Alumna Award from Yale, the Isabel Hampton Robb Scholarship, and honorary membership in the New England Organization for Nursing and the American Assoc. of Colleges of Nursing. She served numerous professional organizations and was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Burlington. She is survived by seven nieces and nephews.

Barbara Dixon Morton, 88, of Venice, Fla., on April 27, 2011. She worked for the Connecticut Children's Aid after graduation. Living in Concord, N.H., in the 1960s she established a nursery school and ran it for 10 years then worked in an insurance agency. She also served on the school board for six years. Moving to Florida, she was one of the founding members of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Sarasota. Predeceased by husband John, she is survived by daughters Joanna, Martha, and Elizabeth, son George, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Madeline (Halford) '19.

Elihu S. Wing Jr., 89, of Providence, R.I., on April 10, 2011. Leaving Middlebury in 1942, he attended Brown Univ. and graduated from Yale Medical School in 1946. He spent two years in the Navy, which included a tour of duty on the USS *Missouri.* He practiced internal medicine in Providence for 40 years, earning the Providence Medical Society Community Service Award in 1991. In retirement he served as the physician for the employees health clinic at Rhode Island Hospital through 2009. In 1994 he led the first Community Church mission to La Romana, Dominican Republic, to bring help to impoverished Haitians in need of medical and other care. Over the years he led 16 more missions. He was a leader in building Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana and in 2011 they placed a plaque in the lobby to honor his years of service. Survivors include wife Emma Sue (Brown), daughters Marisue and Laura, son Elihu, five grandchildren including Jacquelyn Breckenridge '14, and two great-grandchildren.

46 **Reginald P. Goddard**, 86, of Fair Haven, Vt., on July 12, 2011. In 1945 he began operating Goddard Transportation, a trucking company, and retired in 1998. He belonged to several professional associations, served on the board of directors for the Rutland Hospital and the First National Bank of Orwell, and was a member of several community organizations including the Rotary Club and the Cairo Shrine. Predeceased by wife Lillian (DeChristoforo), he is survived by sons Christopher and Duane, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and longtime companion Joyce Wiskoski. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Silas, Class of 1912, and uncle Henry, Class of 1890.

47 **Ruth Britton Gore**, 86, of Charlottesville, Va., on May 22, 2011. At Middlebury she participated in Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating, she worked for two years in Princeton, N.J., at the College Entrance Examination Board. Moving to North Carolina, she worked for a large construction company. Predeceased by husband Bob '49 and daughter Jennifer, she is survived by sons Chris, Geoff, and Barry, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include niece Jennifer Atkins '78.

Mary Pitz Hunt, 85, of Tamworth, N.H., on June 17, 2011. While at Middlebury, she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority and on the *Campus* staff. As her children grew up, she enjoyed golf, bicycling, motorcycling, sewing, knitting, church, choir, and the PTA. Moving to Tamworth in 1982, she joined a group called the Over the Hill Hikers and climbed the 4,000-foot mountains in summer and cross-country skied in winter. Predeceased by husband Roy '48, she is survived by sons Stephen and Douglas, daughters Carolyn and Barbara, and four grandchildren.

Shirley Woodward Myers-Thurston, 84, of Zephyrhills, Fla., on April 15, 2011. A Phi Mu at Middlebury, she married while in college and had daughter Anne. For 10 years she worked as the executive secretary for the Boston regional VP of Merrill Lynch. Remarrying, she helped raise her husband's six children and was active in the church and Reading (Mass.) Craftsman's Guild. Predeceased by husband Bill Myers and his son Donald, she is survived by husband Walter Thurston, daughters Anne, Susan, Nancy, and Lorraine, and sons Peter and John.

48 **Eleanor Flanagan Branch**, 83, of Durham, N.C., on April 30, 2011. After graduating she worked as a lab assistant at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in NYC before moving to Durham. With a PhD in pathology from Duke Univ., she became the director of graduate studies in the master of science program in physical therapy at Duke, retiring in 1989. Predeceased by husband Philip, she is survived by daughters Susan Ingle and Mallorie Teston, and three grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include cousin Jean Holmberg Sutherland '49.

Arthur C. Buettner, 88, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 19, 2011. At Middlebury he was a part of track and football, worked on the *Campus*, and was a member of Theta Chi. He spent 35 years in the insurance business before working for the state of Maine in the Workers Compensation Commission. Marrying in 1949, he and wife Ann (Tisdale) '48 had one son, Dennett.

Joseph F. Fox Jr., 87, of Venice, Fla., on April 23, 2011. During WWII he served with the Army's Company G, 134th Infantry, 35th Division. At Middlebury he was in Delta Upsilon and played football. His entire career was spent with NCR Corp., marketing mainframe computers, terminals, ATM units, and systems to the financial industry. He was an avid golfer. Predeceased by first wife, Shirley (Mapes), he is survived by wife Nancy (Carr), son Dean, daughters Patricia '79 and Leslie, stepchildren C. James, Stephen '75, Sarah, and Melissa Carr '79, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Dorothy Gill Bramley '53.

John C. Webb, 87, of Vero Beach, Fla., on May 18, 2011. During WWII he served in the air force and was attached to the 2nd Air Commando Group in the China Burma India Theater. Returning to Middlebury, he was a member of Delta Upsilon. He spent his entire career in the family insurance business, Emery & Webb, becoming president in 1964. He was awarded the degree of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter in 1958. He served on various boards throughout his life, including that of Highland Hospital in Beacon, N.Y., and the United Way of Dutchess County. Predeceased by wife Helen (Larson), he is survived by daughter Patricia Goodemote, son John Jr., and five grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father M. Smith '18 and mother Ruth (Cambridge) '20.

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Helen Perry Smith '30 ✷ *September 23, 2011*
Thelma Fuller Heckman '34 ✷ *September 30, 2011*
Charles A. Kuster '35 ✷ *October 14, 2011*
Louise E. Hutchinson '36 ✷ *November 22, 2011*
Harriet Buck Anderson '37 ✷ *November 29, 2011*
Conrad A. Philipson '37 ✷ *October 8, 2011*
Eleanor Jeschke Jacques '39 ✷ *February 2, 2004*
Robert H. Grant '40 ✷ *November 14, 2011*
John F. Collins '41 ✷ *October 4, 2011*
Eunice Bory Decker '41 ✷ *August 1, 2011*
William L. Hennefrund '42 ✷ *November 22, 2011*
W. Bruce George '43 ✷ *November 14, 2011*
Philip H. Dunham '45 ✷ *November 10, 2011*
Muriel Cormack Mottola '45 ✷ *October 25, 2011*
Charlotte Broemel Mersereau '46 ✷ *March 10, 2011*
Catherine Pomeroy Blair '47 ✷ *September 8, 2011*
Phyllis Burke Cunningham '47 ✷ *October 14, 2011*
George L. Martin '47 ✷ *November 9, 2011*
Catherine Van Aken Smith '47 ✷ *October 25, 2011*
Phyllis Berdolt Benson '48 ✷ *November 25, 2011*
Richard S. Haseltine '48 ✷ *November 14, 2011*
William A. Roston '48 ✷ *November 5, 2011*
Ruth Ann Scott McDonough '49 ✷ *September 19, 2011*
Wallace S. Hubbard '50 ✷ *September 27, 2011*
Joan Delamater Turner '50 ✷ *September 26, 2011*
Clara S. Wing '50 ✷ *October 16, 2011*
Laurence R. Draper '52 ✷ *September 18, 2011*
Mary Roberts Hardesty '52 ✷ *November 12, 2011*
David J. Larned '52 ✷ *September 21, 2011*
Richard C. Thayer '52 ✷ *October 17, 2011*
Bruce R. Ladeau '54 ✷ *November 3, 2011*
Carole Rice Hanau '55 ✷ *September 5, 2011*
Jeanne B. Knapp '55 ✷ *November 18, 2011*
George P. Tasse '56 ✷ *October 25, 2011*
Elaine Ladd Purpel '57 ✷ *November 26, 2011*
Jane E. Goodspeed '60 ✷ *December 2, 2010*
Mary Kinghorn Work '60 ✷ *October 25, 2011*
Gail Munson Elliott '61 ✷ *September 24, 2011*
Donald B. Ruben '61 ✷ *September 15, 2011*
Daniel F. Miner '62 ✷ *July 28, 2011*
Ann M. Gruhn '65 ✷ *September 18, 2011*
Judith Loetterle McAleer '66 ✷ *November 13, 2011*
Robert E. Lider '74 ✷ *September 22, 2011*
Blair L. Barton '75 ✷ *September 7, 2011*
Michael J. Elwin '79 ✷ *October 11, 2011*
Martin E. Fossett '89 ✷ *September 16, 2011*
Michael P. Russell '98 ✷ *September 24, 2011*
John-Alexander Mason '99 ✷ *October 19, 2011*

Graduate Schools

Anne Healy, MA English '37 ✷ *November 9, 2011*
Debbie L. Lopez, MA English '81 ✷ *October 14, 2011*
Alison Gray McKenna, MA English '99 ✷ *October 15, 2011*
Candace Regan Burkle, English '81–'05 ✷ *October 12, 2011*
Madeline F. Palmer, MA French '37 ✷ *May 23, 2009*
Mary V. Allen, MA French '38 ✷ *October 15, 2011*
Sheila Spear Keeny, MA French '50 ✷ *September 10, 2011*
William L. King, MA French '50 ✷ *November 28, 2011*
Arthur D. Adair, MA French '51 ✷ *September 26, 2011*
Harry C. Goldby, MA French '51 ✷ *September 26, 2011*
Elvira Francello Persons, MA French '53 ✷ *October 8, 2011*
Mary Nagle Yelda, MA French '58 ✷ *November 16, 2011*
Edmund M. Brelsford, MA French '60 ✷ *September 11, 2011*
Carmella V. DiMatteo, MA French '66 ✷ *November 20, 2011*
Hovey M. Cowles, MA French '71 ✷ *October 12, 2011*
Jennie Mosca Basile, MA Italian '42 ✷ *September 25, 2011*
Katharine H. Herber, MA Spanish '46 ✷ *September 9, 2011*
Lillie Belle Drake Hamilton, MA Spanish '48 ✷ *October 2, 2011*
John P. Barker, MS Chemistry '52 ✷ *November 1, 2011*

49 **Dan C. Muessel**, 85, of Danvers, Mass., on May 16, 2011. During WWII he was a lieutenant in the Navy and served as a commander on a landing craft in the Pacific. He served as manager of product development at Kawneer Co. and engineering manager for the Yale Lock and Hardware division of Eaton Corp. He retired in 1992 as engineering director of Amesbury Industries. With a long career in engineering, he had over 25 patents to his name. When his wife developed multiple sclerosis, he became active as a disability advocate and served as the first co-chair of the Danvers Disability Commission. Predeceased by wife Margaret (McNair) '50, he is survived by sons David and Rob, and three grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Mary Pulling '52.

Donald B. Simon, 84, formerly of Chattanooga, Tenn., on May 19, 2011. A member of Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he was a Navy veteran of

WWII and had a career in insurance. He retired as field VP of group insurance with the Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co. Survivors include wife Polly (Arnold), sons Donald, Craig, Stephen, Richard, Jason, and Richard, daughter Melissa, 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

50 **William D. Carey**, 83, of Lubec, Maine, on April 17, 2011. At Middlebury he was in Kappa Delta Rho. From 1950–1975 he was employed by the CIA, serving in Asia and Africa, and remained as a consultant with them until 1998. He lived in Hillsboro, Va., for many years and spent the last 10 in Lubec, where he served on the planning board. Survivors include wife Jean (Griffin), daughter Ann, son William, and three grandchildren.

George A. Shumway, 82, of York, Pa., on May 1, 2011. A Delta Upsilon member, he was also on the first lacrosse team at Middlebury. With an MS from MIT in geophysics, he worked as an oceanographer and marine geologist at the U.S. Navy Electronics Lab in San Diego from 1951–1962. In 1959 he earned a PhD from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Moving to York, he established George Shumway Publisher to write, research, photograph, and publish information on antique long rifles and Americana. He wrote several books and articles and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Kentucky Rifle Assoc. and the Education Award from the Contemporary Longrifle Assoc. He is survived by wife Dorothy (Thomas), sons Loren, Mark, and Eric, daughters Holly, Caroly, Julie '03, and Courtney, and 12 grandchildren.

51 **Malcolm MacGregor**, 82, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on June 11, 2011. At Middlebury he was in Delta Upsilon. With a degree from Harvard Business School and several years in the Navy, his first job was with NBC as director of business affairs. In 1969 he moved to Pittsburgh and joined Boyden International, an executive search firm. Starting out as a partner, he later served as president. He also served on the boards of Pressley Ridge, WQED, and the Ellis School. He is survived by daughters Robin Parsons, Susan Shaw '82, and Lindsay MacGregor, and six grandchildren.

52 **Charles J. Rielle II**, 83, of Jupiter, Fla., on June 18, 2011. He returned to Middlebury after serving in the Army and was in Chi Psi fraternity. In 1952 he joined Cannon Mills where he worked in sales until 1970. He then worked for a private label hosiery company and later formed his own selling company. In 1985 he returned to Cannon Mills and worked there until retiring in 1997. In retirement he enjoyed substitute teaching in Ridgewood, N.J., and Jupiter middle and high schools. He is survived by wife Audrey (Thompson), daughters Nancy '82 and Sally, son Peter '84, and five grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include great-nephew Stephen Shortle '09.

53 **John J. Vogel Jr.**, 83, of Scotts Valley, Calif., on May 4, 2011. He served two years in the Marine Corps and was a member of the Army Reserve in military intelligence. After earning his master's in economics at Columbia along with a certificate in Russian area studies, he worked for the CIA for his entire career. Even after retiring, he worked for them as an analyst. Predeceased by son John III, he is survived by daughters Gretchen, Erika, and Karin, and four grandchildren.

54 **Robert L. Ducharme**, 79, of Waterbury, Conn., on June 7, 2011. Serving in the Army, he was a proud Korean War veteran. At Middlebury he was involved with baseball, hockey, and Phi Kappa Tau. For over 20 years he worked as a technical sales representative for Winchester Electronics. He is survived by wife Grace (Pettinicchi), daughters Denise and Catherine, and two grandchildren.

Frank C. Freer, 78, of Phippsburg, Maine, on June 13, 2011. A member of DKE, he was also involved with the ski patrol at Middlebury and was an accomplished skier throughout his life. He attended the UPenn Dental School, graduating in 1958 and serving two years in the Navy at Parris Island, S.C., as a dentist. For 40 years he had a private dental practice in Mendham, N.J. Retiring to Maine, he enjoyed fishing and tending lobster traps. An avid sportsman, he was a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Trout Unlimited, and Ducks Unlimited. Survivors include wife Judith (Connor), daughters Robin Baumgarten and Barbara Meyers, son Douglas, stepdaughters Lisa, Jenny, and Cindy Faherty, and several grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Barbara Freer Bocaz '59.

Spiro C. Gokas, 78, of Newport, N.H., on May 4, 2011. After graduation, he served in the Army in Germany then taught for six years at Middleburgh (N.Y.) Central High School. Earning a master's in American history from SUNY–Albany, he taught American history and western civilization at Springfield (Vt.) High School, where he also served as the director of guidance and as school counselor until retiring in 1995. Survivors include his significant other, Pennie Armstrong, two sisters, and a niece and nephew. Surviving Middlebury relatives include great-niece, Tara Gokas '01.

Juliette Camden Kinghan, 78, of Pacific Grove, Calif., on April 24, 2011. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she stayed very involved in the Kappa Alumnae Assoc. For 35 years she was a successful realtor in the Whittier/La Habra, Calif., area. She enjoyed gardening and was an accomplished tole painter. Survivors include daughters Shari and Debbie, son John, and three grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Susan Camden Kalat '64 and her husband, Norman '64.

Joan Folsom Lamon, 78, of Wilton, Conn., on June 13, 2011. With a master's in education from Harvard School of Education, she began her professional teaching career at the Brearley School in Manhattan before moving to Wilton and teaching first and second grades for more than 25 years at Miller School. An ardent opera lover, she rarely missed a Saturday matinee at the Met, either by attending or listening on the radio. Predeceased by husband Strome, survivors include daughter Leslie Busino, son Alec '87, and three grandchildren.

55 **Kathe Quarck Henry**, 77, of Jackson, Wyo., on April 8, 2011. After moving to Illinois with her husband and sons, she took up tennis and became a nationally ranked pro, teaching the sport to many players at a local tennis club. She was also ranked no. 1 in 35s age-group doubles and no. 5 in the 55s doubles. After son Scott died of AIDS, she served as president of the Scott Opler Foundation, which supported environmental causes including those of many Western conservation groups. She also persuaded the foundation to provide one of its initial grants to establish the first set of guidelines and a website for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, now an internationally recognized certification system for green building. In 2007 the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance named her as Outstanding Conservationist of 2007 for her lifelong commitment to preserving and protecting natural resources. She was an avid skier and hiker, loved the symphony and opera, and taught herself to paint watercolors. Predeceased by husband Ed Henry and son Scott Opler, she is survived by children Rick and Kim Opler, and Chris Henry, and four grandchildren.

Pauline Bibby Kempf, 77, of Big Flats, N.Y., on July 8, 2011. A member of Alpha Xi Delta, she graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Middlebury. She studied at the Sorbonne in Paris on a Fulbright Scholarship. Active in her community, she delivered Meals on Wheels, tutored at the local prison, and gave classes in conversational French for Alliance Française. A music lover, she sang in the church choir and with the Elmira Choral Society. She is survived by children Jennifer, Jay, Andy, and Leslie, and four grandchildren.

56 **Elaine S. Bliss**, 76, of Rochester, N.H., on May 7, 2011. After earning a master's in sacred music from Union Theological Seminary in NYC, she had a 33-year career in music and accounting. She worked for the Kendall Co. and L.B. Foster Co. and served churches as a choir director and organist around NYC before moving to Rochester in 1989. She was an active member of the American Guild of Organists, serving in several capacities including editor of the newsletter. She is survived by sisters Mary Jane Bliss Swanson '60 and Donna Bliss Jonas '67, brother Barry, and many nephews and nieces, including Leslie Swanson '84 and Karla Swanson-Murphy '89. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Zenas Bliss '28, uncle Allen Bliss '23, and aunts Mary Bliss '20 and Dorothy Bliss '21. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Eleanor Bliss '59.

Howard P. Trefrey, 77, of Stonington, Conn., on May 18, 2011. While at Middlebury he played football, was an avid skier, and was a member of Chi Psi. He worked for Sears before joining national men's clothing chain Robert Hall as the national marketing director. After the chain closed in 1977, he opened Yankee Silversmith, a successful jewelry store in Old Mystic Village, Conn. Predeceased by wife Cynthia and daughter Cynthia, he is survived by son Bradford, and five grandchildren.

57 **A. James Allott**, 75, of Elizabethtown, N.Y., on May 11, 2001. He was a pharmaceutical sales representative for G.D. Searle for 20 years. In 1980 he was the director of the volunteer ski patrol for the Winter Olympics and thereafter became a full-time employee at Whiteface Mountain, where he served as director of skier services, and also as safety services coordinator and ski patrol director. In 2002 he was a torchbearer for the Lake Placid Winter Olympics. Survivors include wife Patricia (Woods), daughter Stacey, sons Jeffrey and Jim, and six grandchildren.

Gordon H. Blackburn, 77, of Moultonborough, N.H., on June 17, 2011. At Middlebury he was in Sigma Epsilon and was enrolled in the ROTC. He served as 1st Lt. Commanding Officer at Fort Carson, Colo. Over the years he worked for

several companies, including General Electric and Black and Decker, and was a pioneer in sourcing practices and business partnerships. Retiring in 1993, he began a private business venture, Blackburn International. Survivors include wife Nijole (Valiunas), daughter Nancy D'Aloia, sons John and David, and four grandchildren.

Alexander J. Carley, 78, of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, on June 13, 2011. A Delta Upsilon, he was also involved with soccer, hockey, and WRMC while at Middlebury. He taught a year at Ridley College, worked for several companies, and was a founding president of Seaforth Building Group. He is survived by wife Valerie (Gibaut), daughters Diane, Suzanne, and Jodi, five grandchildren, and four stepchildren.

T. Townsend Hoen, 76, of Owings Mills, Md., on May 21, 2011. After serving in the Army as a functionary of the Counter Intelligence Corps, he began work in 1960 at lithographic firm A. Hoen & Co. in Baltimore, becoming president six years later. In 1981 the firm closed and he became an executive at United Litho in Falls Church, Va. For the last decade of his career, he was the executive director of the Independent College Fund of Maryland, retiring in 2002. Before entering Middlebury, he spent a year at Le Rosey in Rolle, Switzerland, and invented the Plimpton Ball. Survivors include wife Maxine (Vought) '57, sons Storrs, Thomas, Benjamin, and E. Weber, stepchildren Robert and Whitney, and 10 grandchildren.

58 **Anne Curtis Odom**, 75, of Washington, D.C., on August 25, 2011. While earning her MA at Columbia Univ., she audited "The Soviet Bloc," taught by Zbigniew Brzezinski, and met her husband. Her passion for imperial Russia began while living in Moscow from 1972–74, when she studied Russian imperial art. In 1978 she joined Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens in Washington as a guide and in 1991 became chief curator. From 1997–2001 she served as both deputy director for collections and chief curator, becoming curator emerita in 2001. She organized several exhibitions at Hillwood, including a joint exhibition with Middlebury College's museum entitled "What Became of Peter's Dream: Court Culture in the Reign of Nicholas II." She also authored, edited, and contributed to numerous publications. As an internationally respected expert on Russian imperial art of the 18th and early 19th centuries and the work of Fabergé, her consultation was sought by many museums and organizations. She made many return trips to Russia with groups or for research. Predeceased by husband Bill, she is survived by son Mark '87 and wife Beth and one granddaughter. Deceased Middlebury relatives include great-grandfather Benjamin Weld, Class of 1877, grandfather Garfield Weld, Class of 1904, grandmother Florence Duncan Weld, Class of 1906, great-aunt Mildred Weld, Class of 1901, and great-uncles Charles Weld, Class of 1905, and William Duncan, Class of 1912.

60 **Patricia Johnson Gallman**, 72, of New Bern, N.C., on April 11, 2011. With a master's in education from SUNY at Oneonta, she was a longtime elementary school teacher in Worcester, N.Y., retiring in 1998. She enjoyed reading, writing poetry, and travel and was an avid tennis fan. Survivors include son Norman, his wife, and four grandchildren.

Jane E. Goodspeed, 72, of Boston, Mass., on December 2, 2010. After teaching in Guatemala and Natick, Mass., she worked as a customer representative in the claims dept. of an insurance firm. She also worked for the *Natick Bulletin* in advertising sales. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Lise Fischer '76.

69 **Arthur W. Ross III**, 63, of Biloxi, Miss., on June 10, 2011. With a master's from Dartmouth, he taught science to students at middle and high schools in Essex and Colchester, Vt., Gouverneur, N.Y., and Bay St. Louis, Miss. He coached golf, baseball, basketball, and hockey for schools and youth recreation leagues. He also sang in choirs and enjoyed golfing, fishing, and sailing. Preceded in death by wife Susan (Mallon) '69, he is survived by wife Cheryl, sons Kelly and Casey, and five grandchildren.

71 **Ann Taylor Martin**, 61, of Albuquerque, N.M., on April 21, 2011. With a nursing degree from Vermont College, she was an accomplished critical care and emergency room nurse and in 1987 won the Outstanding Critical Care Professional of the Year Award. She worked with the first heart transplant patients in New Mexico at Presbyterian Hospital and helped run the emergency room at Kaseman Hospital, becoming nationally certified in emergency nursing. She also enjoyed teaching and training new nurses and in 2005, won the Distinguished Nurse Preceptor award at University Hospital. In addition, she was a certified bereavement counselor. She is survived by sons Benjamin and Taylor Smith, and partner Lisa Littlefield.

74 **Carol Simmermacher Smith**, 59, of Los Altos, Calif., on June 10, 2011. With a master's in environmental management from Duke Univ., she worked for several years for North Carolina's Office of Land Use Planning. She was made director of the North Carolina Land Resources Information Service, a computer-graphics-based system she'd helped to design and implement. After her daughter was born, she was active in her growing years. She is survived by husband Doug and daughter Brooke Ray.

76 **William H. Haas**, 57, of Seattle, Wash., on July 14, 2011. After pursuing percussion studies and playing in musical theater, he received his master's in architecture at the Univ. of Washington. He worked for two architect firms before establishing his own firm in 1996. He played percussion in the North Seattle Symphonic Band for several years. He is survived by wife Christine (McKowen), children Lewis, Jane, and Sydney, his parents, and two siblings.

77 **Laurie Ferguson**, 56, of Andover, N.H., on April 17, 2011. After graduating from Colby Junior College, she spent her junior and senior years at Middlebury. She taught history and coached sports at various private schools before going into the ski and sports industry doing promotions, events, marketing, and public relations. She then began her own marketing and public relations business before becoming the executive director of New Hampshire Made in 2004. She earned recognition through a number of awards, including the 2007 New Hampshire Business Review Business Excellence Award, the 2010 Outstanding Women in Business Award, and the 2010 class of Leadership New Hampshire. She is survived by fiancé Allen Koop, sons Buckman and Canon, three brothers, and her parents.

82 **Richard P. Scully**, 51, of Evanston, Ill., on June 10, 2011. For several years he worked at PaineWebber Group in Chicago and continued his studies at the Univ. of Chicago Graduate School of Business. In 1998 he formed Scully Capital Management and served as CEO. An avid outdoorsman, he was ranked nationally in cross-country skiing, competing in many Birkebeiner races, and he enjoyed windsurfing. Survivors include wife Lisa (Evans), sons Gordon and Alastair, parents Peter and Olivia, brother David, and sisters Merida, Nadine '83, Kirsten, and Brenda.

99 **Dana Renè Gibson**, 33, of Cortlandt Manor, N.Y., on May 9, 2011. After living and studying in Paris, she received her master's in French from Middlebury. Her love for life and travel also took her to England, Spain, Morocco, Canada, and around the U.S., where she made lasting friendships over the years. She is survived by mother Jeanne, father Winston, sister Stacey, brother-in-law Reginald, niece Geneva, and nephews Marcus and Marshall.

FACULTY

Charles W. Adcock, 90, of Honolulu, Hawaii, on February 1, 2011. He was a professor of military science, ROTC, at Middlebury from 1953–1957. At the time of his death, he was a retired Army colonel and former JROTC senior Army instructor at Punahou School. He is survived by daughters Bobette, Caryn, and Cha-Lee.

A. Richard Turner, 79, of Cape May, N.J., on September 9, 2011. After earning bachelor's and master's degrees in art history from Princeton Univ., he was awarded a doctorate in 1959. He taught briefly at the Univ. of Michigan before joining the faculty at Princeton, where he taught art and archaeology until 1968 when he joined the Middlebury faculty in the fine arts dept. In 1970 he became dean of the faculty and also served as chair of the art dept. Establishing the College's Friends of the Art Museum in 1969, he was instrumental in developing the collection in its early years and establishing a precedent for ongoing contributions to the museum holdings. He left Middlebury at the end of 1974 to become president of Grinnell College in Iowa. His last career move was to NYU where he served in many positions, including as director of the Institute of Fine Arts. An expert on the Florentine Renaissance, he authored many books including *The Art of Florence* with Middlebury professors Glenn Andres and John Hunisak, and the landmark study *Inventing Leonardo.* Sustaining close ties to the College over the years, he and his wife donated major artworks to the permanent collection of the museum, including a 19th-century landscape painting by Theodore Rousseau and prints by Rembrandt and Jacques Villon. He also bequeathed over 100 volumes of classic Italian literature of the 16th and 17th centuries to the library's Special Collections. Survivors include wife Jane, sons Louis and David, six grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS FACULTY

Isabel Livosky, 76, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 28, 2011. She earned her BA in Spanish and Latin American literature at Columbia Univ. and her PhD from NYU and taught at York

College in NYC. In 1977 she joined the faculty at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., where she taught Spanish until retiring in 2004 when she became professor emerita of modern languages and literatures. A scholar of contemporary Spanish/Spanish-American literature, she was the founding director of the Knox program in Buenos Aires. From 1984 to 2002 she taught at Middlebury's Spanish School.

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Kimberly Hayes Bilodeau, 49, of Shoreham, Vt., on September 1, 2011. A graduate of Middlebury Union High School, she worked at local businesses and was self-employed before joining the dining services staff in 2000. She worked primarily in the salad preparation area and last winter was promoted to third cook. Survivors include husband Allen, sons Derrick, Nathan, and Patrick, and three grandchildren.

James W. Murray, 82, of East Middlebury, Vt., on July 22, 2011. After graduating from Middlebury High School, he enlisted in the Air Force. He worked as a carpenter in facilities services at the College from 1965–1994. A member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, dancing, and gardening. He is survived by wife Louise, six children, and extended family.

Timothy P. Reilly, 50, of Ripton, Vt., on August 25, 2011, from complications following a stroke. With a bachelor of fine arts from SUNY–Buffalo, he moved to Vermont to work in the bicycle-touring business and led many tours in the New England area. He began working at Rikert Ski Touring Center in 1993 and in 1997 also joined the golf course maintenance team. In 2001 he became the ski school director at Rikert. Predeceased by father John, he is survived by mother Susan and stepfather Paul Kucera, sisters Maureen, Theresa, and Jennifer, and brothers Thomas, Patrick, Stephen, and Paul.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

42 **Catherine Laughton Briggs**, 95, MA French, of Vernon, Conn., on April 14, 2011. She taught high school French, Spanish, and Latin in the East Windsor (Conn.) school system from 1954 to 1981.

43 **Louise K. Rich**, 94, MA English, of DeKalb, Ill., on May 22, 2011. She taught high school English and Latin for 44 years in Iowa and Illinois, with 37 of the years in the Hinsdale (Ill.) Township High School District.

46 **Audrey Lord-Kemp Bowyer**, 87, MA French, of Oakland, Calif., on July 30, 2011. She taught foreign languages, history, and geography at several New England private schools and both private and public California schools. She also taught graduate students in the education dept. at Holy Names College.

48 **Anthony S. Loiacono**, 96, MA Italian, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., on July 6, 2011. During WWII he served in Europe, Africa, and Asia. With a PhD from the Univ. of Madrid, he taught Spanish at Montclair (N.J.) High School, retiring as chairman of the foreign language dept. in 1978.

50 **Edward D. Bradley**, 88, MA French, of Elsah, Ill., on October 28, 2009. He was an associate professor of French at Principia College in Elsah. Wife Paula (Richter) earned a master's in French from Middlebury in 1955.

52 **John P. Nionakis**, 87, MA French, MA Spanish '56, of Hingham, Mass., on May 17, 2011. During WWII he served in the Army, 75th Infantry Division, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. A teacher of foreign languages and culture, he became chair of the foreign language dept. in the Hingham Public School System, a position he held for 30 years. He also directed a study-abroad program in Madrid for over 30 years. In 1983 King Juan Carlos I of Spain bestowed the honor of Officer in the Court of Queen Isabel on him for his promotion of the Spanish language and culture. Son Dimitri is in the Class of 1988.

54 **Thomas P. Reilly**, 85, MA Spanish, of Bronx, N.Y., on April 27, 2011. During WWII he served in the Army. He retired from the Horace Mann School in Riverdale, N.Y., in 1996, ending a 44-year career as a foreign language teacher and a 32-year stint as chair of the Upper Division foreign languages dept.

56 **Robert P. Kroetsch**, 83, MA English, of Leduc, Alberta, Canada, on June 21, 2011. With a PhD from the Univ. of Iowa, he taught at the Univ. of Manitoba, Univ. of Calgary, and the Saskatchewan Summer School of the Arts. A prolific writer, he authored seven nonfiction works, nine books of fiction, and 14 poetry collections. He won the Lieutenant Governor's Alberta Distinguished Artist Award and was awarded the Golden Pen Award from the Writer's Guild of Alberta.

57 **Paul D. Tormey**, 77, MA French, of Petersburg, Va., on April 29, 2011. Serving in the Army, he was stationed in France for the Dept. of Defense. He also lived in Korea and Berlin, where he was director of education for the Eighth Army overseas. He retired from Fort Lee.

62 **William E. Beane**, 75, MA English, of Hampstead, N.H., on June 28, 2011. He served as dean of administration at Southern New Hampshire Univ. and also coached baseball and soccer. He retired in 2007 after 40 years of service.

63 **Herbert R. Shindler**, 80, MA Spanish, of East Aurora, N.Y., on April 28, 2011. In 1957 he joined the East Aurora School District and taught Latin and Spanish in middle and high school for more than 30 years. After a trip to the Soviet Union, he also became qualified to teach Russian.

65 **Helen Emerson Hayford**, 99, MA French, of Burlington, Vt., on April 16, 2011. Beginning with a one-room schoolhouse in Burke, Vt., she had a long teaching career. After receiving her master's, she became the head of the foreign language dept. at South Burlington High School, retiring in 1973.

66 Br. **H. Michael Corry**, 74, MA Spanish, of Lincroft, N.J., on March 15, 2011. After receiving the Holy Habit of the Christian Brothers in 1954, he earned his MA, an MS from Monmouth Univ., and a PhD from Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. He taught at several different schools and also served as principal or director.

Ernest E. Lundy, 83, MA French, of Lock Haven, Pa., on June 27, 2011. He taught high school English and French in Pennsylvania and New York and retired as an associate professor of French from Lock Haven Univ. He spent a semester in Japan teaching French as a representative of the university.

Paul A. Fernandez, 87, MA Spanish, of Bethesda, Md., on April 7, 2011. He taught for many years in the Montgomery County Public Schools.

69 **Anne H. Kerr**, 95, MA French, of Hudsonville, Mich., on April 3, 2011. A 50-year resident of Grand Rapids, she was a longtime teacher in the Grand Rapids Public High Schools.

70 **Elsie Mosquera Luettgen**, 92, MA Spanish, of Tacoma, Wash., on June 27, 2011. With a PhD from the Univ. of Madrid, she taught Spanish and French in the Tacoma public school system and was a language and literature professor at the Univ. of Puget Sound and other area colleges and universities, including serving as the chair of the modern languages dept. at St. Martin's College in Olympia, Wash.

75 **Elizabeth Skrod Salfelder**, 62, MA French, of Fair Lawn, N.J., on March 21, 2011. Prior to retiring in 2004, she was a French teacher with the River Dell (N.J.) Board of Education for 34 years. She was also a volunteer tutor with Project Literacy of Bergen Community College.

76 **Mary Christina DeWitt**, 61, MA Spanish, of Wayne, Pa., on June 2, 2011. She taught Spanish for 25 years at Great Valley High School in Malvern, Pa., and also worked with the drama club and led student trips to Mexico and abroad. Before teaching at Great Valley, she trained dolphins at Sea World in Florida.

78 **Philip A. MacTaggart**, 61, MA Spanish, of Geneseo, Ill., on May 4, 2011. He served over 20 years in the Navy, retiring in the Navy Reserve with the rank of commander. In 1984 he earned his JD from the Univ. of Iowa and practiced law in North Liberty, Iowa, and later served as a public defender in Del Rio, Texas.

79 **Jane Randol Jackson**, 64, MA French, of The Villages, Fla., on August 8, 2011. After retiring from more than 30 years of teaching, she became the director of the Cape Girardeau County Archive Center and was also on the board of directors for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Husband Larry earned an MA from the French School in 1957.

82 Sr. **Catherine M. Lane**, 87, MA Spanish, of Milton, Mass., on April 17, 2011. She was a member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston for 69 years and taught in several different schools in the area, including serving as teacher and coordinator at Fontbonne Academy in Milton.

92 **Jeanne M. Leiby**, 46, MA English, of Baton Rouge, La., on April 19, 2011. A fiction writer and teacher, she was named the editor of *The Southern Review*, LSU's literary quarterly, in 2008 after serving as editor of *The Florida Review* at the Univ. of Central Florida. Her stories appeared in several literary publications and her collections of short stories, *Downriver*, was published by Carolina Wren Press in 2007. She also had an MFA from the Univ. of Alabama, where she was the fiction editor of *Black Warrior Review*.

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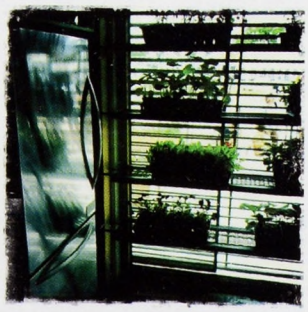
In the old-school model, he said, BAs would pick an occupation, start at the bottom, work their way up, and retire with a pension. "The new world, for better or worse, doesn't work that way. That's an important thing that we, as faculty, need to be conscious of, in terms of how we organize our curricula and what kind of experiences we provide for students."

Jenks-Jay, too, shared this view with me. "This is a new adventure into liberal education that's *inclusive* of applied learning. It's constructed on the foundation of liberal arts, as opposed to being in addition to or outside of. I think Self-Reliance is a symbol of things to come."

Decathlon officials save market appeal for the final day of competition. In many ways, it captures the zeitgeist of the whole affair. As Catalano puts it, "Market appeal *is* architecture. You can design something that's kind of generic and very pleasing and livable. But you can also design something that's really marketable *and* architecturally forward thinking." It's fitting that the contest's 100 points will shuffle the standings one last time and determine the final winners.



As we file past the leader board, into the big tent, the overall scores are so close that any team is liable to be unseated. Middlebury trails fifth-place Ohio State by a single point, but California, sitting in fourth, by more than 10. Fifteen minutes before the ceremony begins, it's standing room only.

Energy secretary Chu delivers a few remarks. China, he reminds the audience, extended more than $30 billion in government financing to its solar industries last year. Dozens of other enlightened countries, among them Israel, Canada, and Germany, support small-scale solar projects by buying excess kilowatt-hours at a generous price. "Some say this is a race America can't win."

The glass plaques appear for the winners of market appeal. New Zealand and Maryland, which seem to mount the stage for nearly every contest, quickly take third and second. Both finished net-zero and are set to run away with overall victories.

At the podium, a juror describes the house that won market appeal.

"The home features a magnificent, chef-style kitchen, with herbs in the window space and a view to the outdoor vegetable garden. The private spaces give real privacy. Durable, natural, low-resource finishes and a lifecycle approach to material selection will also appeal to the market. Slate floors in the wet areas are practical and beautiful. Way to go, Middlebury!"

It's a veritable roar from where I'm standing. I choke up a little—can I admit this?—watery eyes and tight throat. The students' utter elation, the schmaltzy Journey song on the PA, the contagious pride of being close to something so hard won.

When they come down off the stage, Godine is holding a score sheet. The 95 points have vaulted them up and over Ohio State and California into a fourth-place overall finish.

Nelson looks like a new father outside a delivery room, thrilled and a little overwhelmed. "This is like the beginning," he says. "It's the beginning of all these students changing the future. I'm speechless, really. Underdogs doesn't begin to describe how we started this thing."

Looking at the scores and doing a bit of mental math, Cornbrooks sighs and smiles his crooked smile.

"Two more hours of sun and it would have been second place. That's how it goes sometimes."

Postscript

Self-Reliance came down in two fitful days of unbuilding. True to form, the construction team showed up at 5:30 A.M to get to work. Godine, unshaven, his jeans barely clinging to his waist, stayed until the last hard hat had been tossed into the back of the Ryder truck. We spent an afternoon driving around Virginia, hunting for a Lowe's. I asked him if he was depressed, now that the gravitational center of his life had shifted. "I don't know," he said. "Maybe."

And while an emotional letdown among the Self-Reliance team is expected in the days immediately following the end of competition, there are also lasting effects that won't be dissipating so quickly. There has been a lot of talk on campus and off about how Middlebury's heralded, against-all-odds performance in the Solar Decathlon has addressed—and is influencing—more profound long-term questions about the value of a liberal arts education.

I recalled what Liebowitz told me in his office: "If we are to define a Middlebury education as one that challenges students outside the classroom as well as in, prepares them to enter a complex world after graduation, and then addresses the skills needed to adapt and evolve in that complex world, then we will also be defining a liberal arts education for the next century.

"I think it also shows us here, at Middlebury, what we're capable of doing. The sense of institutional pride is not to be underestimated, nor is the value of seeing, more clearly, what is possible—for the College."

As for the house itself, it now rests on a permanent foundation near the Mahaney Center for the Arts, with belowground geothermal tubes, and an exquisite view of the Green Mountains.

On the November afternoon it was repatriated to campus, the sky was an inkwell, not a lick of sun in sight. Three students will take up residence this spring, including Wyatt Komarin '12 and Cordelia Newbury '13, who, not long ago, mailed off Team Middlebury's proposal for entry into the 2013 Solar Decathlon competition.

The odds, again, were long. Only a handful of teams—from large institutions, all—had earned back-to-back spots in the competition.

Just two days before this issue went to press, the team learned that it had been accepted.

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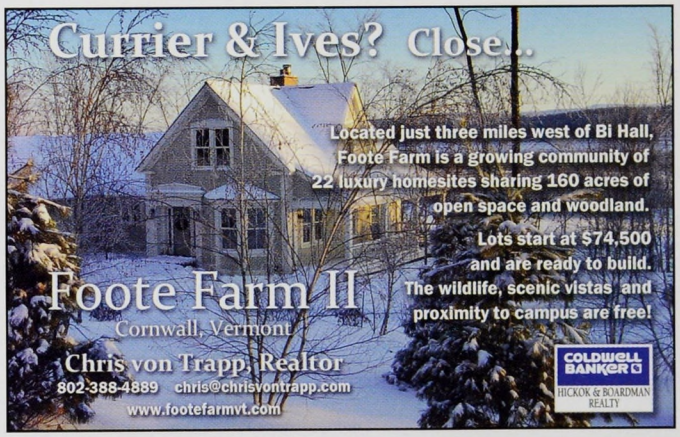
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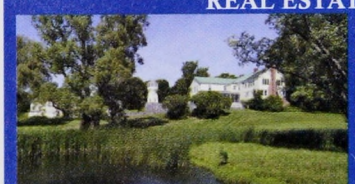
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Get Real

A young journalist learns by doing in the remote Aleutian Islands.

By Stephanie May Joyce '11

A LOUD AND UNFAMILIAR RING from the bedside table jolted me awake. Fumbling for the cheap plastic phone in the darkness, I struggled to remember where I was. Then a blast of wind shook the house with the force of a small earthquake and I remembered: Unalaska, Dutch Harbor. The end of the Earth.

On the other end of the line, my new boss, Alex, spoke in a hurried tide of words.

"The *Polar Sea* broke loose from its mooring," she said. "Ripped off part of the dock and hit Roger's boat. You know, Roger, the city councilor. I don't have a recorder. Come down to the harbor."

Click.

Still half asleep, I bumbled my way out the door, recorder in hand. Though it was the middle of the night, fluorescent floodlights from the neighboring fish processing plant were bright enough to cut through the horizontal rain and light my way to the car.

I made my way down to the harbor, but I didn't see a boat in distress, and I didn't see Alex.

What I did see were whitecaps sloshing over the floating dock, and 40-foot boats bobbing like bath toys in a stormy sea. When I had arrived in Unalaska on a 30-seat propeller plane a few weeks earlier, I found the weather to be horrendous; this was worse.

Not sure what I was to be looking for, I called Alex back.

"Keep driving," she said. "Past the small boat harbor."

Dodging meter-wide potholes on the dark, dirt road, I thought back to what had convinced me to take a job as a radio reporter in Unalaska, Alaska. "You'll be doing *real* reporting," Alex had said. "Not just cutting and pasting HTML." As I flailed for post-college purpose, "real" sounded like something I wanted.

Ahead of me, illuminated by a bright spotlight, the *Polar Sea* emerged from the storm. Stacks of king crab pots 30 feet high weighed down the aft deck as it bobbed in the heavy swell. This was definitely the antithesis of modern-day Google reporting. But suddenly, real didn't seem like such an alluring prospect.

Real meant getting wet talking to people who would probably rather my recorder and I occupy ourselves elsewhere. Real meant engaging the world and its problems, not just reading about them over coffee in the morning.

I parked in the mud behind a line of pickup trucks and took a deep breath before charging into the rain.

Alex waved at me from the bottom of a long dock ramp. Behind her, Roger's boat was like a school bus pinned to the dock by a 737. Eighty-mile-per-hour winds had ripped the crabber from its mooring and spun it around 180 degrees, right onto the councilor's boat. Remarkably, it didn't look like it had done much damage.

We climbed onboard the *Commitment*, taking care not to slip into the blackness between the dock and the deck. A crowd of men stood on the bow, observing the collision point. One of them commented that the winds seemed to be dying down and maybe they could move the *Polar Sea* soon. Another man clung to the outside of the *Commitment*'s deck rail, peering down at the hull until a massive gust of wind threatened to squish him between the two boats.

I hung back, letting Alex ask the questions. But as they talked, I could hear the sounds becoming a story: a sharp cry of warning, the men yelling at each other from their respective boats, the chatter of a walkie-talkie, the thunk of hull against hull, and then the empty howl of a fierce wind.

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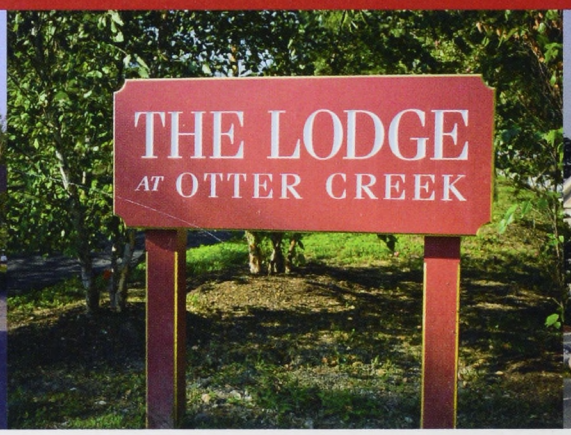

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